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### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| n.a.   | not available   |
| n.p.   | not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated |
| n.y.a. | not yet available   |
| *      | subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes                              |
| . .    | not applicable  |
| —      | nil or rounded to zero  |
| —      | break in continuity of series   |

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# 1

## POPULATION

| Period         | Estimated<br>resident<br>population<br><br>'000 | Natural<br>increase(a)<br><br>'000 | Net migration          |                      |                   | Increase during period |                        | Mean<br>population<br>for period<br><br>'000 |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
|                |   |                                    | Interstate<br><br>'000 | Overseas<br><br>'000 | Total<br><br>'000 | Number<br><br>'000     | Proportion(b)<br><br>% |  |
|                |   |                                    |                        |                      |                   |                        |                        |  |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 3 109.8   | 26.1                               | 49.2                   | 3.7                  | 52.9              | (c)79.8                | 2.6                    | 3 070.5                                      |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 3 187.1   | 26.2                               | 44.9                   | 5.2                  | 50.2              | (c)77.3                | 2.5                    | 3 149.9                                      |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 3 265.1   | 26.0                               | 40.2                   | 10.6                 | 50.8              | (c)78.0                | 2.5                    | 3 225.1                                      |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 3 338.7   | 25.3                               | 32.6                   | 13.1                 | 45.7              | (c)73.6                | 2.3                    | 3 303.5                                      |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 3 397.1   | 25.6                               | 20.2                   | 12.6                 | 32.8              | 58.4                   | 1.8                    | 3 369.3                                      |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 3 456.3   | 24.4                               | 18.0                   | 16.9                 | 34.9              | 59.3                   | 1.7                    | 3 427.3                                      |
| <b>1993</b>    | 3 148.1   | 26.8                               | 48.8                   | 4.2                  | 53.0              | (c)80.8                | 2.6                    | 3 111.1                                      |
| <b>1994</b>    | 3 223.0   | 25.4                               | 41.8                   | 6.7                  | 48.5              | (c)74.9                | 2.3                    | 3 187.7                                      |
| <b>1995</b>    | 3 303.4   | 26.3                               | 38.5                   | 13.7                 | 52.2              | (c)80.3                | 2.4                    | 3 264.4                                      |
| <b>1996</b>    | 3 369.2   | 24.7                               | 27.1                   | 12.7                 | 39.8              | (c)65.8                | 2.0                    | 3 338.7                                      |
| <b>1997</b>    | 3 425.7   | 25.3                               | 18.7                   | 12.5                 | 31.2              | 56.5                   | 1.7                    | 3 398.4                                      |
| <b>1998</b>    | 3 485.2   | 24.6                               | 16.0                   | 18.9                 | 34.9              | 59.5                   | 1.7                    | 3 456.4                                      |
| <b>1997</b>    |   |                                    |                        |                      |                   |                        |                        |  |
| September qtr  | 3 414.0   | 6.2                                | 5.4                    | 5.4                  | 10.8              | 16.9                   | 0.5                    | ..   |
| December qtr   | 3 425.7   | 5.3                                | 5.2                    | 1.3                  | 6.4               | 11.7                   | 0.3                    | ..   |
| <b>1998</b>    |   |                                    |                        |                      |                   |                        |                        |  |
| March qtr      | 3 441.8   | 6.0                                | 3.1                    | 7.1                  | 10.1              | 16.1                   | 0.5                    | ..   |
| June qtr       | 3 456.3   | 7.0                                | 4.4                    | 3.2                  | 7.6               | 14.5                   | 0.4                    | ..   |
| September qtr  | 3 471.5   | 6.2                                | 3.8                    | 5.2                  | 9.0               | 15.1                   | 0.4                    | ..   |
| December qtr   | 3 485.2   | 5.5                                | 4.8                    | 3.4                  | 8.2               | 13.7                   | 0.4                    | ..   |

(a) Excess of births over deaths.

(b) The rates represent the increase during the period, expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

(c) Discrepancies between the sum of natural increase and net migration figures and the total increase figures are due to inter-censal adjustment.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0).

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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a)—AT 30 JUNE

| Statistical Division | 1993<br>'000   | 1994<br>'000   | 1995<br>'000   | 1996<br>'000   | 1997<br>'000   | 1998<br>'000   | Average annual growth rate |            |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                      |                |                |                |                |                |                | 1993-98                    | 1997-98    |
|                      |                |                |                |                |                |                | %                          | %          |
| Brisbane             | 1 422.8        | 1 455.2        | 1 486.7        | 1 520.0        | 1 546.2        | 1 574.6        | 2.0                        | 1.8        |
| Moreton              | 538.9          | 566.0          | 596.0          | 618.2          | 638.4          | 657.3          | 4.1                        | 3.0        |
| Wide Bay-Burnett     | 207.1          | 214.0          | 219.5          | 224.3          | 227.6          | 230.6          | 2.2                        | 1.3        |
| Darling Downs        | 197.8          | 198.8          | 199.0          | 199.9          | 200.1          | 200.8          | 0.3                        | 0.3        |
| South-West           | 28.3           | 27.6           | 26.9           | 26.5           | 26.1           | 25.9           | -1.7                       | -0.8       |
| Fitzroy              | 172.5          | 174.5          | 176.2          | 178.0          | 179.3          | 180.5          | 0.9                        | 0.7        |
| Central West         | 13.0           | 12.9           | 12.6           | 12.5           | 12.4           | 12.3           | -1.2                       | -0.6       |
| Mackay               | 113.4          | 115.1          | 117.3          | 120.3          | 122.5          | 124.3          | 1.8                        | 1.5        |
| Northern             | 186.5          | 188.3          | 190.3          | 192.2          | 193.3          | 195.0          | 0.9                        | 0.8        |
| Far North            | 192.0          | 197.8          | 204.5          | 210.8          | 215.2          | 219.3          | 2.7                        | 1.9        |
| North-West           | 37.4           | 36.8           | 36.1           | 35.9           | 35.8           | 35.8           | -0.9                       | -0.2       |
| <b>Queensland(b)</b> | <b>3 109.8</b> | <b>3 187.1</b> | <b>3 265.1</b> | <b>3 338.7</b> | <b>3 397.1</b> | <b>3 456.3</b> | <b>2.1</b>                 | <b>1.7</b> |

(a) Estimates use 1998 edition of the ASGC and are based on 1996 Census results.

(b) Including off-shore and migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (Cat. no. 3218.0).

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#### VITAL STATISTICS

| Period         |        |        |           |                  | Annual rate(b) |           |              |                     |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
|                | Births | Deaths | Marriages | Infant deaths(a) | Births(c)      | Deaths(c) | Marriages(c) | Infant mortality(d) |
|                | no.    | no.    | no.       | no.              | %              | %         | %            | %                   |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 46 623 | 20 610 | 20 997    | 300              | 14.6           | 6.5       | 6.6          | 6.4                 |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 46 731 | 21 364 | 20 425    | 309              | 14.3           | 6.5       | 6.3          | 6.6                 |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 47 356 | 21 485 | 20 876    | 295              | 14.2           | 6.4       | 6.3          | 6.2                 |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 47 009 | 21 983 | 20 822    | 280              | 13.8           | 6.5       | 6.1          | 6.0                 |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 47 052 | 22 489 | 21 262    | 302              | 13.6           | 6.5       | 6.2          | 6.4                 |
| <b>1997</b>    |        |        |           |                  |                |           |              |                     |
| December qtr   | 10 423 | 5 143  | 5 863     | 64               | 12.2           | 6.0       | 6.8          | 6.1                 |
| <b>1998</b>    |        |        |           |                  |                |           |              |                     |
| March qtr      | 11 772 | 5 688  | 4 814     | 93               | 13.7           | 6.6       | 5.6          | 7.9                 |
| June qtr       | 12 286 | 5 323  | 5 336     | 74               | 14.2           | 6.2       | 6.2          | 6.0                 |
| September qtr  | 12 568 | 6 383  | 5 730     | 73               | 14.5           | 7.4       | 6.6          | 5.8                 |
| December qtr   | 10 380 | 4 927  | 5 377     | 59               | 11.9           | 5.7       | 6.2          | 5.7                 |
| <b>1999</b>    |        |        |           |                  |                |           |              |                     |
| March qtr      | 12 419 | 5 713  | n.y.a.    | 67               | n.y.a.         | n.y.a.    | n.y.a.       | 5.4                 |
| <b>1998</b>    |        |        |           |                  |                |           |              |                     |
| October        | 3 974  | 1 938  | 2 490     | 23               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 5.8                 |
| November       | 3 841  | 1 671  | 1 911     | 16               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 4.2                 |
| December       | 2 565  | 1 318  | 976       | 20               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 7.8                 |
| <b>1999</b>    |        |        |           |                  |                |           |              |                     |
| January        | 4 333  | 2 110  | 1 688     | 20               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 4.6                 |
| February       | 3 722  | 1 710  | 1 387     | 24               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 6.4                 |
| March          | 4 364  | 1 893  | n.y.a.    | 23               | ..             | ..        | ..           | 5.3                 |

(a) Deaths of children aged under one year.

(b) For quarterly periods, an equivalent annual rate for each quarter.

(c) Per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

(d) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Source: Demography, Queensland (Cat. no. 3311.3).

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#### OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

| Particulars             |                  |                  |                |                | 1998           |                |                | 1999           |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                         | 1997             | 1998             | October        | November       | December       | January        | February       | March          |
|                         | no.              | no.              | no.            | no.            | no.            | no.            | no.            | no.            |
| <b>Arrivals</b>         |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Permanent and long-term | 42 540           | 41 980           | 2 950          | 2 790          | 3 710          | 5 230          | 4 750          | 2 990          |
| Total permanent         | 14 780           | 15 620           | 1 310          | 1 250          | 1 450          | 1 710          | 1 240          | 1 310          |
| Residents long-term     | 13 580           | 11 730           | 690            | 830            | 1 540          | 830            | 720            | 710            |
| Visitors long-term      | 14 180           | 14 630           | 950            | 710            | 720            | 2 690          | 2 790          | 970            |
| Residents short-term    | 432 510          | 461 070          | 47 430         | 35 920         | 32 660         | 52 940         | 31 460         | 38 060         |
| Visitors short-term     | 1 331 400        | 1 233 140        | 103 140        | 101 030        | 122 590        | 99 240         | 101 990        | 104 610        |
| <b>All arrivals</b>     | <b>1 806 450</b> | <b>1 736 190</b> | <b>153 520</b> | <b>139 740</b> | <b>158 960</b> | <b>157 410</b> | <b>138 200</b> | <b>145 660</b> |
| <b>Departures</b>       |                  |                  |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Permanent and long-term | 28 880           | 29 140           | 2 120          | 2 180          | 2 830          | 3 270          | 2 250          | 2 400          |
| Residents long-term     | 13 130           | 14 120           | 1 120          | 990            | 1 170          | 1 910          | 1 260          | 1 290          |
| Visitors long-term      | 9 530            | 8 690            | 500            | 730            | 1 080          | 560            | 470            | 550            |
| Former and other        | 6 220            | 6 330            | 500            | 460            | 580            | 800            | 520            | 560            |
| Residents short-term    | 435 800          | 461 800          | 37 230         | 39 660         | 49 910         | 32 000         | 30 270         | 39 120         |
| Visitors short-term     | 1 247 230        | 1 197 910        | 102 750        | 105 370        | 97 110         | 113 400        | 89 520         | 89 860         |
| <b>All departures</b>   | <b>1 711 910</b> | <b>1 688 850</b> | <b>142 100</b> | <b>147 210</b> | <b>149 850</b> | <b>148 670</b> | <b>122 040</b> | <b>131 380</b> |

Source: Unpublished data.

| Month       | Employed  |           |         | Unemployed |                   | Total labour force |                    | Not in labour force | Civilian population aged 15 years and over |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
|             | Full-time | Part-time | Total   | Number     | Unemployment rate | Number             | Participation rate |                     |  |
|             | '000      | '000      | '000    | '000       | %                 | '000               | %                  | '000                | '000                                       |
| MALES       |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| <b>1998</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| April       | 786.1     | 108.8     | 894.9   | 87.5       | 8.9               | 982.5              | 73.7               | 349.8               | 1 332.2                                    |
| May         | 776.2     | 118.9     | 895.1   | 85.9       | 8.8               | 981.0              | 73.5               | 353.3               | 1 334.3                                    |
| June        | 784.1     | 120.4     | 904.5   | 85.7       | 8.7               | 990.2              | 74.1               | 346.1               | 1 336.3                                    |
| July        | 792.3     | 110.2     | 902.5   | 90.4       | 9.1               | 992.9              | 74.2               | 345.3               | 1 338.3                                    |
| August      | 783.8     | 112.3     | 896.0   | 88.3       | 9.0               | 984.3              | 73.4               | 356.0               | 1 340.2                                    |
| September   | 794.8     | 122.0     | 916.7   | 92.1       | 9.1               | 1 008.8            | 75.2               | 333.4               | 1 342.2                                    |
| October     | 807.1     | 117.6     | 924.7   | 83.3       | 8.3               | 1 008.1            | 75.0               | 336.4               | 1 344.5                                    |
| November    | 809.3     | 113.2     | 922.5   | 79.6       | 7.9               | 1 002.1            | 74.4               | 344.6               | 1 346.7                                    |
| December    | 811.1     | 123.6     | 934.6   | 82.6       | 8.1               | 1 017.2            | 75.4               | 331.8               | 1 349.0                                    |
| <b>1999</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| January     | 805.6     | 114.4     | 920.0   | 85.1       | 8.5               | 1 005.1            | 74.4               | 346.3               | 1 351.4                                    |
| February    | 806.1     | 112.8     | 918.9   | 90.4       | 9.0               | 1 009.3            | 74.6               | 336.6               | 1 353.7                                    |
| March       | 802.8     | 119.6     | 922.4   | 77.5       | 7.8               | 999.9              | 73.7               | 356.2               | 1 356.1                                    |
| April       | 806.1     | 119.3     | 925.4   | 80.8       | 8.0               | 1 006.2            | 74.1               | 352.0               | 1 358.2                                    |
| May         | 798.3     | 122.6     | 920.8   | 82.7       | 8.2               | 1 003.5            | 73.8               | 356.8               | 1 360.3                                    |
| June        | 813.7     | 117.2     | 930.9   | 77.3       | 7.7               | 1 008.2            | 74.0               | 354.2               | 1 362.4                                    |
| FEMALES     |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| <b>1998</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| April       | 387.8     | 311.6     | 699.4   | 64.5       | 8.4               | 763.9              | 56.3               | 592.9               | 1 356.8                                    |
| May         | 384.8     | 316.0     | 700.8   | 59.7       | 7.9               | 760.6              | 56.0               | 598.3               | 1 358.8                                    |
| June        | 384.9     | 318.3     | 703.1   | 64.8       | 8.4               | 768.0              | 56.4               | 592.9               | 1 360.8                                    |
| July        | 388.6     | 310.7     | 699.3   | 59.1       | 7.8               | 758.4              | 55.6               | 604.5               | 1 362.9                                    |
| August      | 377.9     | 315.8     | 693.7   | 57.3       | 7.6               | 751.0              | 55.0               | 613.9               | 1 364.9                                    |
| September   | 387.9     | 314.1     | 702.1   | 63.1       | 8.3               | 765.2              | 56.0               | 601.7               | 1 366.9                                    |
| October     | 381.6     | 322.0     | 703.6   | 62.9       | 8.2               | 766.4              | 56.0               | 602.7               | 1 369.2                                    |
| November    | 393.4     | 318.2     | 711.6   | 59.3       | 7.7               | 771.0              | 56.2               | 600.5               | 1 371.5                                    |
| December    | 400.1     | 308.6     | 708.8   | 63.4       | 8.2               | 772.2              | 56.2               | 601.6               | 1 373.8                                    |
| <b>1999</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| January     | 396.8     | 289.3     | 686.1   | 67.7       | 9.0               | 753.9              | 54.8               | 622.3               | 1 376.2                                    |
| February    | 385.6     | 312.5     | 698.1   | 68.2       | 8.9               | 766.3              | 55.6               | 612.4               | 1 378.7                                    |
| March       | 390.1     | 313.8     | 703.9   | 67.5       | 8.7               | 771.4              | 55.9               | 609.8               | 1 381.2                                    |
| April       | 395.5     | 322.1     | 720.6   | 61.2       | 7.8               | 781.8              | 56.5               | 601.5               | 1 383.3                                    |
| May         | 388.3     | 328.8     | 717.1   | 63.4       | 8.1               | 780.5              | 56.3               | 604.8               | 1 385.4                                    |
| June        | 396.3     | 321.0     | 717.4   | 64.3       | 8.2               | 781.7              | 56.3               | 605.8               | 1 387.5                                    |
| PERSONS     |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| <b>1998</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| April       | 1 173.9   | 420.4     | 1 594.3 | 152.0      | 8.7               | 1 746.3            | 64.9               | 942.7               | 2 689.0                                    |
| May         | 1 161.0   | 434.9     | 1 595.9 | 145.6      | 8.4               | 1 741.5            | 64.7               | 951.5               | 2 693.1                                    |
| June        | 1 168.9   | 438.7     | 1 607.6 | 150.5      | 8.6               | 1 758.2            | 65.2               | 939.0               | 2 697.1                                    |
| July        | 1 180.9   | 421.0     | 1 601.9 | 149.5      | 8.5               | 1 751.3            | 64.8               | 949.8               | 2 701.1                                    |
| August      | 1 161.6   | 428.1     | 1 589.7 | 145.6      | 8.4               | 1 735.3            | 64.1               | 969.9               | 2 705.1                                    |
| September   | 1 182.7   | 436.1     | 1 618.8 | 155.2      | 8.8               | 1 774.0            | 65.5               | 935.1               | 2 709.2                                    |
| October     | 1 188.7   | 439.6     | 1 628.3 | 146.2      | 8.2               | 1 774.6            | 65.4               | 939.1               | 2 713.7                                    |
| November    | 1 202.7   | 431.4     | 1 634.1 | 138.9      | 7.8               | 1 773.1            | 65.2               | 945.2               | 2 718.2                                    |
| December    | 1 211.2   | 432.2     | 1 643.4 | 146.0      | 8.2               | 1 789.4            | 65.7               | 933.4               | 2 722.8                                    |
| <b>1999</b> |           |           |         |            |                   |                    |                    |                     |  |
| January     | 1 202.4   | 403.8     | 1 606.2 | 152.8      | 8.7               | 1 759.0            | 64.5               | 968.6               | 2 727.6                                    |
| February    | 1 191.7   | 425.4     | 1 617.1 | 158.6      | 8.9               | 1 775.6            | 65.0               | 956.8               | 2 732.4                                    |
| March       | 1 192.9   | 433.4     | 1 626.3 | 145.0      | 8.2               | 1 771.3            | 64.7               | 966.0               | 2 737.3                                    |
| April       | 1 204.6   | 441.4     | 1 646.0 | 142.0      | 7.9               | 1 788.1            | 65.2               | 953.4               | 2 741.5                                    |
| May         | 1 186.0   | 451.4     | 1 638.0 | 146.1      | 8.2               | 1 784.0            | 65.0               | 961.6               | 2 745.7                                    |
| June        | 1 210.0   | 438.2     | 1 648.2 | 141.6      | 7.9               | 1 789.9            | 65.1               | 960.0               | 2 749.9                                    |

(a) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.Source: *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6202.0).

## 6

## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a)

|                               | Employed persons |           |         | Unemployed persons | Labour force | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                               | Full-time        | Part-time | Total   |                    |              |                   |                    |
| Month                         | '000             | '000      | '000    | '000               | '000         | %                 | %                  |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| 1998                          |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| April                         | 1 182.9          | 415.0     | 1 597.9 | 149.6              | 1 747.5      | 8.6               | 65.0               |
| May                           | 1 169.5          | 432.5     | 1 602.0 | 148.2              | 1 750.3      | 8.5               | 65.0               |
| June                          | 1 172.2          | 429.1     | 1 601.3 | 156.0              | 1 757.3      | 8.9               | 65.2               |
| July                          | 1 174.7          | 421.0     | 1 595.7 | 159.2              | 1 755.0      | 9.1               | 65.0               |
| August                        | 1 170.0          | 434.3     | 1 604.3 | 149.4              | 1 753.7      | 8.5               | 64.8               |
| September                     | 1 175.4          | 427.0     | 1 602.4 | 158.1              | 1 760.6      | 9.0               | 65.0               |
| October                       | 1 183.1          | 433.2     | 1 616.3 | 154.5              | 1 770.9      | 8.7               | 65.3               |
| November                      | 1 199.7          | 426.9     | 1 626.6 | 145.4              | 1 772.0      | 8.2               | 65.2               |
| December                      | 1 193.1          | 432.7     | 1 625.8 | 147.5              | 1 773.2      | 8.3               | 65.1               |
| 1999                          |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| January                       | 1 203.4          | 433.1     | 1 636.5 | 142.9              | 1 779.3      | 8.0               | 65.2               |
| February                      | 1 190.5          | 431.9     | 1 622.4 | 141.2              | 1 763.6      | 8.0               | 64.5               |
| March                         | 1 204.0          | 428.3     | 1 632.3 | 137.8              | 1 770.1      | 7.8               | 64.7               |
| April                         | 1 213.6          | 436.1     | 1 649.7 | 139.9              | 1 789.6      | 7.8               | 65.3               |
| May                           | 1 195.3          | 449.1     | 1 644.4 | 148.6              | 1 793.0      | 8.3               | 65.3               |
| June                          | 1 214.0          | 427.6     | 1 641.6 | 146.7              | 1 788.4      | 8.2               | 65.0               |
| TREND ESTIMATES               |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| 1998                          |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| April                         | 1 174.6          | 423.5     | 1 598.1 | 150.8              | 1 749.0      | 8.6               | 65.0               |
| May                           | 1 173.5          | 425.6     | 1 599.1 | 151.8              | 1 750.8      | 8.7               | 65.0               |
| June                          | 1 172.5          | 427.0     | 1 599.5 | 153.3              | 1 752.7      | 8.7               | 65.0               |
| July                          | 1 172.7          | 428.0     | 1 600.7 | 154.6              | 1 755.3      | 8.8               | 65.0               |
| August                        | 1 174.9          | 429.0     | 1 603.9 | 155.0              | 1 758.9      | 8.8               | 65.0               |
| September                     | 1 179.2          | 429.8     | 1 609.0 | 154.2              | 1 763.2      | 8.7               | 65.1               |
| October                       | 1 184.5          | 430.3     | 1 614.8 | 152.1              | 1 766.9      | 8.6               | 65.1               |
| November                      | 1 190.2          | 430.4     | 1 620.6 | 149.0              | 1 769.6      | 8.4               | 65.1               |
| December                      | 1 194.9          | 430.8     | 1 625.7 | 145.7              | 1 771.5      | 8.2               | 65.1               |
| 1999                          |                  |           |         |                    |              |                   |                    |
| January                       | 1 198.3          | 431.6     | 1 629.9 | 143.1              | 1 773.0      | 8.1               | 65.0               |
| February                      | 1 200.5          | 432.8     | 1 633.3 | 141.7              | 1 775.0      | 8.0               | 65.0               |
| March                         | 1 202.3          | 434.1     | 1 636.4 | 141.6              | 1 778.1      | 8.0               | 65.0               |
| April                         | 1 204.3          | 435.4     | 1 639.7 | 142.4              | 1 782.0      | 8.0               | 65.0               |
| May                           | 1 206.2          | 436.4     | 1 642.6 | 143.6              | 1 786.1      | 8.0               | 65.1               |
| June                          | 1 208.4          | 436.6     | 1 645.0 | 144.7              | 1 789.7      | 8.1               | 65.1               |

(a) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6202.0).



| Period      | Number of persons unemployed for |                     |                      |                       |                       |                  | Total unemployed persons | Median duration |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
|             | Less than 4 weeks                | 4 and under 8 weeks | 8 and under 13 weeks | 13 and under 26 weeks | 26 and under 52 weeks | 52 weeks or more |                          |                 |
|             | '000                             | '000                | '000                 | '000                  | '000                  | '000             | '000                     | weeks           |
| <b>June</b> |                                  |                     |                      |                       |                       |                  |                          |                 |
| 1993        | 23.4                             | 15.4                | 11.5                 | 28.6                  | 32.5                  | 45.2             | 156.7                    | 24              |
| 1994        | 22.6                             | 14.9                | 11.2                 | 28.6                  | 25.2                  | 41.0             | 143.5                    | 22              |
| 1995        | 23.2                             | 17.6                | 11.4                 | 31.7                  | 26.1                  | 34.8             | 144.9                    | 21              |
| 1996        | 31.3                             | 18.4                | 13.4                 | 28.7                  | 26.2                  | 37.0             | 155.0                    | 18              |
| 1997        | 24.9                             | 12.2                | 18.0                 | 31.7                  | 26.3                  | 36.5             | 149.5                    | 21              |
| 1998        | 24.4                             | 17.7                | 12.8                 | 33.3                  | 23.8                  | 40.1             | 152.2                    | 22              |
| <b>1998</b> |                                  |                     |                      |                       |                       |                  |                          |                 |
| March       | 26.2                             | 24.5                | 19.9                 | 24.2                  | 20.0                  | 42.8             | 157.5                    | 15              |
| April       | 25.0                             | 16.6                | 20.0                 | 30.7                  | 20.4                  | 40.7             | 153.5                    | 16              |
| May         | 24.5                             | 13.9                | 13.0                 | 29.7                  | 22.1                  | 44.2             | 147.3                    | 20              |
| June        | 24.4                             | 17.7                | 12.8                 | 33.3                  | 23.8                  | 40.1             | 152.2                    | 22              |
| July        | 26.2                             | 13.7                | 14.0                 | 22.5                  | 29.3                  | 45.4             | 151.2                    | 25              |
| August      | 26.8                             | 15.4                | 13.4                 | 20.7                  | 30.9                  | 40.3             | 147.5                    | 23              |
| September   | 27.1                             | 17.6                | 16.7                 | 23.3                  | 28.0                  | 44.5             | 157.1                    | 21              |
| October     | 25.4                             | 13.3                | 16.2                 | 17.8                  | 30.3                  | 44.6             | 147.7                    | 26              |
| November    | 25.3                             | 14.0                | 10.0                 | 18.0                  | 34.0                  | 39.0             | 140.4                    | 26              |
| December    | 34.1                             | 19.5                | 11.6                 | 15.9                  | 25.8                  | 40.2             | 147.2                    | 17              |
| <b>1999</b> |                                  |                     |                      |                       |                       |                  |                          |                 |
| January     | 37.6                             | 22.4                | 13.9                 | 14.8                  | 23.6                  | 42.2             | 154.5                    | 13              |
| February    | 34.3                             | 23.7                | 19.1                 | 17.6                  | 19.7                  | 44.2             | 158.6                    | 13              |
| March       | 29.7                             | 17.2                | 21.3                 | 22.5                  | 16.5                  | 37.9             | 145.0                    | 14              |
| April       | 28.2                             | 13.5                | 17.6                 | 24.4                  | 19.3                  | 39.0             | 142.0                    | 16              |
| May         | 25.2                             | 16.6                | 14.4                 | 33.4                  | 17.1                  | 39.4             | 146.1                    | 17              |

(a) Period from the time the person began looking for work or was stood down, to the end of survey week.

(b) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.

Source: *Labour Force, Queensland* (Cat. no. 6201.3).

## 8

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

| Month       | Government sector |              |       |       |       | All employed wage and salary earners |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|
|             | Private sector    | Commonwealth | State | Local | Total |                                      |
|             | '000              | '000         | '000  | '000  | '000  | '000                                 |
| <b>1995</b> |                   |              |       |       |       |                                      |
| August      | 864.1             | 44.1         | 198.5 | 33.7  | 276.3 | 1 140.4                              |
| November    | 909.4             | 45.1         | 191.3 | 33.4  | 269.8 | 1 179.3                              |
| <b>1996</b> |                   |              |       |       |       |                                      |
| February    | 896.1             | 45.8         | 188.9 | 34.9  | 269.5 | 1 165.6                              |
| May         | 897.9             | 45.3         | 206.5 | 34.8  | 286.6 | 1 184.5                              |
| August      | 884.3             | 39.8         | 208.1 | 34.7  | 282.6 | 1 166.8                              |
| November    | 891.7             | 39.3         | 208.1 | 36.5  | 283.9 | 1 175.6                              |
| <b>1997</b> |                   |              |       |       |       |                                      |
| February    | 872.7             | 38.8         | 203.4 | 36.5  | 278.8 | 1 151.4                              |
| May         | 884.2             | 37.2         | 209.2 | 38.8  | 285.1 | 1 169.3                              |
| August      | 900.8             | 37.3         | 211.7 | 37.5  | 286.4 | 1 187.2                              |
| November    | 898.0             | 35.2         | 213.2 | 36.4  | 284.9 | 1 182.9                              |
| <b>1998</b> |                   |              |       |       |       |                                      |
| February    | 898.6             | 34.3         | 207.2 | 35.8  | 277.3 | 1 175.9                              |
| May         | 925.9             | 34.1         | 211.4 | 35.7  | 281.2 | 1 207.1                              |
| August      | 990.4             | 33.2         | 211.3 | 36.5  | 281.0 | 1 271.3                              |
| November    | 991.6             | 33.9         | 217.6 | 35.7  | 287.3 | 1 278.9                              |

Source: Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (Cat. no. 6248.0).

## 9

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, BY INDUSTRY DIVISION

| Month       | Manufacturing | Construction | Wholesale trade | Retail trade | Transport and storage | Property and business services | Health and community services | Other(a) | Total          |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------|
|             | '000          | '000         | '000            | '000         | '000                  | '000                           | '000                          | '000     | '000           |
| <b>1997</b> |               |              |                 |              |                       |                                |                               |          |                |
| August      | 136.6         | 63.2         | 81.6            | 190.5        | 52.5                  | 93.7                           | 136.4                         | 432.7    | <b>1 187.2</b> |
| November    | 138.7         | 59.6         | 77.2            | 179.3        | 52.0                  | 96.8                           | 134.7                         | 444.4    | <b>1 182.9</b> |
| <b>1998</b> |               |              |                 |              |                       |                                |                               |          |                |
| February    | 143.3         | 66.0         | 70.9            | 187.7        | 48.2                  | 99.7                           | 132.9                         | 427.3    | <b>1 175.9</b> |
| May         | 138.0         | 69.9         | 90.5            | 190.9        | 51.8                  | 98.0                           | 131.3                         | 436.5    | <b>1 207.1</b> |
| August      | 138.3         | 73.9         | 106.1           | 195.5        | 57.5                  | 117.4                          | 137.1                         | 445.5    | <b>1 271.3</b> |
| November    | 140.6         | 74.7         | 103.5           | 199.2        | 58.4                  | 128.1                          | 137.0                         | 437.4    | <b>1 278.9</b> |

(a) Including employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Source: Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (Cat. no. 6248.0).

# 10

## JOB VACANCIES AND OVERTIME

| Month    | Number of job vacancies |            |        | Average weekly overtime hours per employee |               |                  | Proportion of employees in the survey working overtime |
|----------|-------------------------|------------|--------|--|---------------|------------------|--|
|          | Sector                  |            |        | Job vacancy rate(a)                        | In the survey | Working overtime |  |
|          | Private                 | Government | Total  |  |               |                  |  |
|          | '000                    | '000       | '000   | %  | no.           | no.              | %  |
| 1998     |                         |            |        |  |               |                  |  |
| February | * 12.4                  | 1.6        | 14.0   | 1.10                                       | 0.83          | 5.93             | 13.94  |
| May      | * 14.0                  | 1.5        | * 15.4 | 1.21                                       | 1.00          | 6.35             | 15.81  |
| August   | * 14.0                  | 1.7        | 15.7   | 1.26                                       | 1.02          | 5.87             | 17.44  |
| November | 9.6                     | 2.1        | 11.7   | 0.95                                       | 1.05          | 6.20             | 16.90  |
| 1999     |                         |            |        |  |               |                  |  |
| February | 12.6                    | 1.9        | 14.5   | 1.16                                       | 0.94          | 6.01             | 15.66  |
| May      | * 6.9                   | 1.9        | 8.8    | 0.76                                       | 1.03          | 6.40             | 16.11  |

(a) The number of job vacancies as a proportion of the number of employees plus vacancies.

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0).

# 11

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

| Period         | Number of disputes  |          | Employees involved |          | Working days lost |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|
|                | Commenced in period | Total(a) | Newly involved(b)  | Total(a) |                   |
|                | no.                 | no.      | '000               | '000     |                   |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 123                 | 124      | 65.4               | 65.5     | 80.8              |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 110                 | 114      | 56.2               | 59.4     | 147.8             |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 164                 | 164      | 67.4               | 67.4     | 190.5             |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 147                 | 151      | 78.9               | 79.7     | 168.3             |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 121                 | 124      | 148.4              | 181.5    | 170.0             |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 64                  | 66       | 27.7               | 28.1     | 49.7              |
| <b>1998</b>    |                     |          |                    |          |                   |
| January        | n.p.                | n.p.     | 1.0                | 1.0      | 1.1               |
| February       | 5                   | 6        | 0.6                | 0.6      | 0.9               |
| March          | 7                   | 8        | 1.4                | 1.4      | 1.1               |
| April          | 5                   | 5        | 1.8                | 1.8      | 1.6               |
| May            | n.p.                | n.p.     | 9.1                | 9.1      | 9.2               |
| June           | 5                   | 7        | 0.9                | 9.5      | 12.4              |
| July           | 7                   | 8        | 0.6                | 1.6      | 3.8               |
| August         | 5                   | 7        | 6.5                | 6.6      | 7.5               |
| September      | 7                   | 8        | 0.8                | 2.0      | 2.8               |
| October        | 3                   | 5        | 0.4                | 0.6      | 1.4               |
| November       | 9                   | 10       | 1.8                | 1.8      | 2.4               |
| December       | 5                   | 6        | 4.0                | 4.7      | 7.1               |
| <b>1999</b>    |                     |          |                    |          |                   |
| January        | 3                   | 3        | 0.1                | 0.1      | 0.1               |
| February       | n.p.                | n.p.     | 0.3                | 0.3      | 0.3               |
| March          | 9                   | 9        | 2.1                | 2.1      | 22.8              |

(a) All disputes involving stoppages of 10 working days or more which were in progress during the period.

(b) Comprises employees involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional employees involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0).

# 12

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

| Month       | Males                  |                |                | Females                |                |                | Persons                |                |                |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|             | Full-time adults       |                | All males      | Full-time adults       |                | All females    | Full-time adults       |                | All employees  |
|             | Ordinary time earnings | Total earnings | Total earnings | Ordinary time earnings | Total earnings | Total earnings | Ordinary time earnings | Total earnings | Total earnings |
|             | \$                     | \$             | \$             | \$                     | \$             | \$             | \$                     | \$             | \$             |
| <b>1995</b> |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |
| August      | 641.40                 | 689.10         | 600.00         | 546.20                 | 557.80         | 399.10         | 607.60                 | 642.40         | 503.50         |
| November    | 653.40                 | 697.40         | 602.30         | 551.50                 | 564.70         | 399.90         | 617.10                 | 650.20         | 505.50         |
| <b>1996</b> |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |
| February    | 650.30                 | 694.10         | 595.80         | 554.30                 | 567.00         | 410.70         | 614.20                 | 646.30         | 506.80         |
| May         | 662.00                 | 707.10         | 602.40         | 553.70                 | 566.30         | 409.70         | 621.80                 | 654.80         | 509.00         |
| August      | 665.60                 | 713.80         | 617.50         | 569.80                 | 582.60         | 415.00         | 631.20                 | 666.70         | 520.80         |
| November    | 679.00                 | 728.50         | 631.90         | 579.80                 | 591.20         | 418.20         | 644.20                 | 680.30         | 530.40         |
| <b>1997</b> |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |
| February    | 697.20                 | 744.90         | 653.80         | 581.80                 | 594.20         | 437.00         | 656.30                 | 691.40         | 553.20         |
| May         | 697.60                 | 753.30         | 662.30         | 591.90                 | 605.60         | 447.50         | 659.10                 | 699.60         | 561.70         |
| August      | 702.60                 | 755.70         | 660.00         | 591.20                 | 606.40         | 447.80         | 661.70                 | 700.90         | 562.80         |
| November    | 716.70                 | 776.80         | 685.00         | 607.60                 | 622.90         | 464.20         | 675.60                 | 718.80         | 580.90         |
| <b>1998</b> |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |
| February    | 732.20                 | 783.20         | 689.10         | 612.90                 | 624.50         | 463.10         | 686.30                 | 722.20         | 580.50         |
| May         | 738.60                 | 789.90         | 703.10         | 616.10                 | 628.70         | 458.50         | 693.50                 | 730.50         | 586.30         |
| August      | 742.90                 | 800.90         | 711.30         | 613.50                 | 627.00         | 461.50         | 695.60                 | 737.40         | 593.30         |
| November    | 733.70                 | 788.20         | 688.20         | 628.00                 | 641.90         | 469.00         | 694.30                 | 733.70         | 583.50         |
| <b>1999</b> |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |                        |                |                |
| February    | 746.30                 | 790.50         | 700.30         | 625.50                 | 634.80         | 460.90         | 701.40                 | 732.70         | 584.80         |

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

# 13

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)

| Period         | Food  | Clothing | Housing | Household equipment and operation | Transportation | Alcohol and tobacco | Health and personal care | Recreation and education | All groups | All groups % change from previous period | All groups % change from same qtr previous year |
|----------------|-------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|---|
| <b>1995-96</b> | 116.5 | 105.3    | 112.0   | 112.6                             | 120.7          | 150.9               | 135.9                    | 118.1                    | 119.1      | 3.8                                      | ..  |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 118.9 | 105.3    | 107.9   | 115.0                             | 123.4          | 159.9               | 142.1                    | 120.8                    | 121.0      | 1.6                                      | ..  |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 121.5 | 105.3    | 100.7   | 115.9                             | 123.3          | 165.5               | 149.8                    | 124.5                    | 121.6      | 0.5                                      | ..  |
| <b>1997</b>    |       |          |         |                                   |                |                     |                          |                          |            |  |   |
| September qtr  | 118.7 | 105.3    | 102.4   | 115.6                             | 123.7          | 162.9               | 143.8                    | 122.8                    | 120.7      | -0.3                                     | 0.1   |
| December qtr   | 121.2 | 105.6    | 100.2   | 115.8                             | 124.0          | 165.5               | 149.7                    | 123.1                    | 121.4      | 0.6                                      | 0.5   |
| <b>1998</b>    |       |          |         |                                   |                |                     |                          |                          |            |  |   |
| March qtr      | 122.6 | 104.7    | 100.0   | 115.8                             | 122.8          | 166.3               | 152.7                    | 126.1                    | 121.9      | 0.4                                      | 0.3   |
| June qtr       | 123.3 | 105.7    | 100.3   | 116.4                             | 122.8          | 167.2               | 152.8                    | 125.8                    | 122.3      | 0.3                                      | 1.0   |
| September qtr  | 123.9 | 105.2    | 101.0   | 116.3                             | 120.9          | 168.1               | 156.0                    | 126.1                    | 122.5      | 0.2                                      | 1.5   |
| December qtr   | 125.0 | 105.7    | 101.3   | 116.4                             | 121.0          | 168.2               | 155.2                    | 127.6                    | 123.0      | 0.4                                      | 1.3   |
| <b>1999</b>    |       |          |         |                                   |                |                     |                          |                          |            |  |   |
| March qtr      | 126.4 | 104.6    | 101.6   | 116.0                             | 120.5          | 169.5               | 144.2                    | 128.8                    | 122.8      | -0.2                                     | 0.7   |

(a) Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0).

| Item                                  | Unit      | Quarter ended |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|
|                                       |           | Year          |       | 1997-98   |          |       | 1998-99   |          |       |
|                                       |           | 1997          | 1998  | September | December | March | September | December | March |
|                                       |           | cents         | cents | cents     | cents    | cents | cents     | cents    | cents |
| <b>Dairy products</b>                 |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Milk, carton(b)                       | 1 litre   | 117           | 119   | 117       | 118      | 117   | 119       | 120      | 119   |
| Milk, powdered, full cream            | 750 g pkt | 468           | 484   | 467       | 466      | 492   | 478       | 481      | 502   |
| Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped    | 500 g pkt | 364           | 368   | 338       | 367      | 368   | 381       | 357      | 389   |
| Butter                                | 500 g     | 175           | 169   | 173       | 172      | 170   | 162       | 164      | 173   |
| <b>Cereal products</b>                |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Bread, white, sliced(b)               | 680 g     | 194           | 194   | 191       | 195      | 191   | 195       | 199      | 192   |
| Biscuits, dry                         | 250 g pkt | 160           | 157   | 161       | 161      | 151   | 157       | 159      | 159   |
| Breakfast cereal, corn-based          | 550 g pkt | 343           | 329   | 358       | 357      | 336   | 337       | 299      | 298   |
| Flour, self-raising                   | 2 kg pkt  | 267           | 272   | 267       | 264      | 278   | 271       | 271      | 271   |
| Rice, long grain                      | 1 kg pkt  | 141           | 153   | 139       | 145      | 146   | 153       | 153      | 157   |
| <b>Meat and seafoods</b>              |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Beef                                  |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Topside roast                         | 1 kg      | (c)723        | 728   | 717       | 729      | 724   | 743       | 720      | 714   |
| Rump steak                            | 1 kg      | 1 078         | 1 059 | 1 088     | 1 086    | 1 079 | 1 070     | 1 041    | 1 066 |
| T-bone steak, with fillet             | 1 kg      | 981           | 979   | 978       | 983      | 1 017 | 968       | 940      | 958   |
| Chuck steak                           | 1 kg      | 601           | 594   | 617       | 617      | 596   | 588       | 590      | 579   |
| Silverside, corned                    | 1 kg      | 574           | 530   | 587       | 564      | 521   | 508       | 543      | 529   |
| Lamb                                  |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Leg                                   | 1 kg      | 589           | 565   | 616       | 573      | 566   | 601       | 546      | 589   |
| Loin chops                            | 1 kg      | 820           | 826   | 843       | 824      | 809   | 843       | 840      | 871   |
| Forequarter chops                     | 1 kg      | 493           | 499   | 498       | 506      | 505   | 507       | 481      | 532   |
| Pork                                  |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Leg                                   | 1 kg      | 617           | 541   | 630       | 645      | 605   | 504       | 536      | 496   |
| Loin chops                            | 1 kg      | 843           | 837   | 829       | 872      | 871   | 822       | 815      | 802   |
| Chicken, frozen                       | 1 kg      | 346           | 313   | 354       | 359      | 328   | 294       | 338      | 322   |
| Bacon, middle rashers                 | 250 g pkt | 307           | 309   | 316       | 290      | 268   | 314       | 320      | 338   |
| Beef, corned                          | 340 g can | 297           | 296   | 308       | 298      | 305   | 294       | 282      | 291   |
| Sausages                              | 1 kg      | 339           | 335   | 350       | 333      | 345   | 327       | 332      | 344   |
| Salmon, pink                          | 210 g can | 225           | 255   | 222       | 233      | 244   | 266       | 246      | 260   |
| <b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>     |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Oranges                               | 1 kg      | 141           | 154   | 136       | 166      | 161   | 158       | 149      | 236   |
| Bananas                               | 1 kg      | 222           | 153   | 251       | 177      | 132   | 150       | 189      | 204   |
| Potatoes                              | 1 kg      | 110           | 118   | 117       | 114      | 107   | 114       | 134      | 124   |
| Tomatoes                              | 1 kg      | 208           | 302   | 176       | 188      | 256   | 276       | 359      | 285   |
| Carrots                               | 1 kg      | 117           | 164   | 100       | 106      | 149   | 158       | 171      | 159   |
| Onions                                | 1 kg      | 108           | 118   | 110       | 105      | 105   | 154       | 107      | 96    |
| <b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b> |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Peaches                               | 825 g can | 196           | 196   | 194       | 197      | 191   | 207       | 191      | 192   |
| Pineapple, sliced                     | 450 g can | 104           | 109   | 104       | 104      | 103   | 109       | 110      | 113   |
| Peas, frozen                          | 500 g pkt | 129           | 128   | 118       | 128      | 132   | 123       | 119      | 125   |
| <b>Confectionery</b>                  |           |               |       |           |          |       |           |          |       |
| Chocolate, milk, block                | 250 g     | 282           | 288   | 292       | 285      | 295   | 293       | 272      | 312   |

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| Item  | Unit                   | Quarter ended |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   |                        | Year          |           | 1997-98   |           |           | 1998-99   |           |           |
|   |                        | 1997          | 1998      | September | December  | March     | September | December  | March     |
|   |                        | cents         | cents     | cents     | cents     | cents     | cents     | cents     | cents     |
| <b>Other food</b>                             |                        |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Eggs  | 52 g (min.)<br>1 doz.  | 278           | 266       | 262       | 278       | 232       | 275       | 259       | 285       |
| Sugar, white                                  | 2 kg pkt               | 189           | 212       | 196       | 189       | 204       | 214       | 218       | 219       |
| Jam, strawberry                               | 500 g jar              | 244           | 246       | 238       | 260       | 262       | 230       | 242       | 254       |
| Tea   | 250 g pkt              | 196           | 250       | 189       | 211       | 238       | 259       | 251       | 250       |
| Coffee, instant                               | 150 g jar              | 607           | 627       | 629       | 656       | 656       | 617       | 600       | 584       |
| Tomato sauce                                  | 600 ml<br>bottle       | 188           | 190       | 189       | 184       | 191       | 192       | 179       | 183       |
| Margarine, polyunsaturated                    | 500 g tub              | 154           | 172       | 145       | 159       | 156       | 186       | 177       | 180       |
| Baked beans (in tomato<br>sauce)              | 425 g can              | (d)101        | (e)(f)99  | 100       | (e)(f)103 | (e)(f)97  | (e)(f)95  | (e)(f)100 | (e)(f)96  |
| Baby food                                     | 120 g can              | (e)(g)60      | 62        | 60        | 64        | 62        | 60        | 64        | 63        |
| <b>Household supplies</b>                     |                        |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Laundry detergent                             | 1 kg                   | 529           | 494       | 511       | 487       | 496       | 486       | 491       | 507       |
| Dishwashing detergent                         | 500 ml                 | (e)(c)350     | 342       | 347       | 352       | 357       | 338       | 345       | 334       |
| Facial tissues                                | pkt of 224             | 192           | 198       | 192       | 197       | 203       | 197       | 195       | 188       |
| Toilet paper                                  | 4 x 280<br>sheets      | (d)350        | (e)(h)351 | 351       | (e)(h)362 | (e)(h)356 | (e)(h)354 | (e)(h)359 | (e)(h)340 |
| Pet food                                      | 410 g can              | 100           | (e)(i)102 | 98        | 106       | 103       | (e)(j)95  | (e)(j)106 | (e)(j)106 |
| <b>Private motoring</b>                       |                        |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Petrol, leaded                                | 1 litre                | 67.3          | 62.9      | 65.8      | 68.1      | 63.9      | 61.4      | 61.8      | 60.2      |
| Petrol, unleaded                              | 1 litre                | 65.1          | 60.6      | 63.6      | 65.9      | 61.7      | 59.2      | 59.5      | 57.9      |
| <b>Alcoholic beverages</b>                    |                        |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Beer, low alcohol,<br>unchilled               | 24 x 375<br>ml bottles | 2 333         | 2 332     | 2 303     | 2 336     | 2 345     | 2 282     | 2 341     | 2 321     |
| Beer, full strength(k),<br>unchilled          | 24 x 375<br>ml bottles | 2 612         | 2 628     | 2 638     | 2 638     | 2 614     | 2 634     | 2 646     | 2 672     |
| Draught beer, full strength(k),<br>public bar | 285 ml<br>glass        | 180           | 184       | 180       | 182       | 183       | 184       | 185       | 186       |
| Draught beer, low alcohol,<br>public bar      | 285 ml<br>glass        | 169           | 172       | 170       | 170       | 170       | 174       | 173       | 174       |
| Scotch, nip, public bar                       | 30 ml                  | 254           | 263       | 255       | 256       | 259       | 264       | 270       | 269       |
| <b>Personal care products</b>                 |                        |               |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Toilet soap                                   | 4 x 125 g              | (c)293        | 303       | 283       | 302       | 307       | 301       | 296       | 308       |
| Toothpaste                                    | 140 g tube             | 253           | 259       | 253       | 257       | 275       | 240       | 260       | 265       |

(a) Average prices of specific brands, etc. charged by a number of representative retailers. They do not purport to be the actual averages of all sales of these items. Refer to the Explanatory Notes in *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6403.0) for more details.

(b) Supermarket sales.

(c) Average based on prices for September and December quarters.

(d) Average based on prices for March, June and September quarters.

(e) Price not comparable with other periods due to change in size and/or specification.

(f) 420 g can.

(g) Average based on prices for March and June quarters.

(h) 4 x 270 sheet roll.

(i) Average based on prices for June, September and December quarters.

(j) 400g can.

(k) The alcoholic content of full strength beer is greater than 3.9%.

Source: *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6403.0).

| Group  | 1997-98      |              |              |              |              | 1998-99      |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | 1996-97      | 1997-98      | Sep qtr      | Dec qtr      | Mar qtr      | Sep qtr      | Dec qtr      | Mar qtr      |
| HOUSE BUILDING   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| All groups   | 115.3        | 117.1        | 116.8        | 116.7        | 117.0        | 118.4        | 118.6        | 118.4        |
| BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING                                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Selected major building materials</b>                           |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Structural timber  | 109.8        | 113.0        | 111.9        | 110.5        | 114.8        | 114.9        | 122.7        | 124.9        |
| Clay bricks  | 104.3        | 106.1        | 107.1        | 105.8        | 105.8        | 106.2        | 106.8        | 105.6        |
| Ready-mixed concrete   | 104.2        | 106.6        | 108.8        | 105.4        | 105.8        | 106.3        | 104.5        | 104.3        |
| Precast concrete products  | 112.5        | 112.2        | 113.2        | 113.2        | 110.7        | 112.8        | 115.2        | 115.2        |
| Steel decking and cladding   | 111.3        | 113.7        | 113.7        | 113.7        | 113.7        | 114.0        | 114.0        | 114.0        |
| Structural steel   | 136.7        | 136.6        | 137.8        | 136.5        | 136.0        | 139.1        | 139.3        | 141.2        |
| Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh                             | 114.8        | 116.0        | 116.8        | 115.9        | 115.5        | 113.6        | 113.6        | 110.9        |
| Aluminium windows  | 103.7        | 103.8        | 103.8        | 103.8        | 103.8        | 105.6        | 106.5        | 106.5        |
| Fabricated steel products  | 120.1        | 122.9        | 122.8        | 122.8        | 123.5        | 123.5        | 123.4        | 124.6        |
| Builders' hardware   | 104.1        | 103.6        | 104.4        | 101.7        | 101.7        | 106.8        | 106.8        | 108.4        |
| Sand and aggregate   | 156.6        | 154.4        | 157.4        | 157.3        | 157.3        | 145.6        | 145.6        | 145.7        |
| Carpet   | 94.8         | 94.8         | 94.2         | 94.8         | 94.8         | 95.7         | 95.7         | 95.7         |
| Paint and other coatings   | 128.3        | 130.3        | 129.9        | 129.8        | 129.8        | 130.5        | 134.3        | 136.6        |
| Nonferrous pipes and fittings                                      | 154.4        | 161.6        | 161.7        | 161.6        | 161.6        | 156.1        | 161.4        | 158.6        |
| <b>Special combinations of building materials</b>                  |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| All electrical materials   | 109.7        | 111.7        | 111.2        | 111.0        | 111.6        | 114.0        | 114.5        | 116.1        |
| All mechanical services  | 113.9        | 114.1        | 114.2        | 114.0        | 113.8        | 114.5        | 117.0        | 116.9        |
| All plumbing materials   | 123.1        | 125.7        | 126.6        | 125.6        | 125.6        | 124.0        | 127.5        | 126.8        |
| All groups, excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | 117.6        | 119.2        | 119.6        | 118.9        | 118.9        | 119.6        | 120.1        | 120.0        |
| <b>All groups</b>  | <b>115.9</b> | <b>117.2</b> | <b>117.5</b> | <b>117.0</b> | <b>117.0</b> | <b>117.8</b> | <b>118.7</b> | <b>118.6</b> |

(a) Base of each index: year 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (Cat. no. 6408.0). Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (Cat. no. 6407.0).

| <i>Manufacturing price indexes</i> |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Period                             | <i>Materials used(a)</i> |          |               |                       | <i>Export price index(a)</i> |                      |                                       | <i>Import price index(a)</i> |                                |            |
|                                    | Imported                 | Domestic | All materials | Articles produced (b) | Mineral products             | Wool & cotton fibres | Base metals & articles of base metals | All groups                   | Machinery and transport equip. | All groups |
| <b>1992-93</b>                     | 107.8                    | 105.7    | 106.4         | 114.3                 | 108.2                        | 60.9                 | 81.0                                  | 93.5                         | 116.8                          | 112.1      |
| <b>1993-94</b>                     | 108.8                    | 102.5    | 104.7         | 115.5                 | 100.9                        | 59.0                 | 76.3                                  | 91.8                         | 123.1                          | 115.6      |
| <b>1994-95</b>                     | 112.7                    | 104.9    | 107.6         | 118.1                 | 95.0                         | 80.8                 | 96.8                                  | 94.7                         | 121.1                          | 114.8      |
| <b>1995-96</b>                     | 117.6                    | 106.0    | 110.1         | 121.1                 | 100.9                        | 72.7                 | 97.0                                  | 96.1                         | 117.4                          | 115.0      |
| <b>1996-97</b>                     | 109.4                    | 104.2    | 106.0         | 121.8                 | 103.0                        | 67.6                 | 86.1                                  | 92.4                         | 108.5                          | 108.6      |
| <b>1997-98</b>                     | 112.2                    | 104.1    | 107.0         | 123.4                 | 113.7                        | 75.8                 | 94.1                                  | 98.9                         | 115.5                          | 115.4      |
| <b>1995</b>                        |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
| September qtr                      | 119.9                    | 106.6    | 111.3         | 120.9                 | 100.7                        | 84.4                 | 104.7                                 | 98.5                         | 123.0                          | 118.6      |
| December qtr                       | 118.6                    | 105.3    | 110.0         | 120.9                 | 100.2                        | 72.8                 | 98.7                                  | 96.0                         | 118.7                          | 116.1      |
| <b>1996</b>                        |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
| March qtr                          | 118.1                    | 106.7    | 110.7         | 121.5                 | 102.1                        | 68.6                 | 94.5                                  | 96.5                         | 116.4                          | 114.8      |
| June qtr                           | 113.9                    | 105.2    | 108.2         | 121.1                 | 100.4                        | 65.0                 | 89.9                                  | 93.4                         | 111.4                          | 110.5      |
| September qtr                      | 110.8                    | 103.5    | 106.1         | 121.0                 | 100.9                        | 67.2                 | 84.5                                  | 93.0                         | 110.1                          | 109.4      |
| December qtr                       | 109.6                    | 104.2    | 106.1         | 121.5                 | 101.7                        | 65.5                 | 80.7                                  | 91.1                         | 108.5                          | 108.5      |
| <b>1997</b>                        |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
| March qtr                          | 108.9                    | 105.1    | 106.3         | 122.2                 | 104.3                        | 66.7                 | 88.2                                  | 92.0                         | 107.9                          | 108.4      |
| June qtr                           | 108.1                    | 104.0    | 105.4         | 122.3                 | 105.1                        | 70.9                 | 90.8                                  | 93.4                         | 107.6                          | 107.9      |
| September qtr                      | 109.9                    | 104.6    | 106.5         | 122.9                 | 107.9                        | 77.8                 | 96.0                                  | 95.9                         | 110.8                          | 110.8      |
| December qtr                       | 111.9                    | 106.3    | 108.2         | 123.7                 | 113.7                        | 77.2                 | 96.8                                  | 99.2                         | 114.9                          | 115.4      |
| <b>1998</b>                        |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
| March qtr                          | 112.5                    | 102.6    | 106.2         | 123.3                 | 114.5                        | 75.9                 | 92.7                                  | 99.4                         | 117.6                          | 116.7      |
| June qtr                           | 114.6                    | 102.7    | 107.1         | 123.7                 | 118.5                        | 72.3                 | 91.0                                  | 100.9                        | 118.8                          | 118.5      |
| September qtr                      | 116.6                    | 102.2    | 107.5         | 124.0                 | 122.4                        | 67.6                 | 93.3                                  | 102.0                        | 123.7                          | 122.9      |
| December qtr                       | 113.6                    | 101.3    | 105.8         | 123.2                 | 117.8                        | 59.2                 | 86.1                                  | 96.9                         | 123.9                          | 121.7      |
| <b>1999</b>                        |                          |          |               |                       |                              |                      |                                       |                              |                                |            |
| March qtr                          | 111.6                    | 99.9     | 104.2         | 122.5                 | 110.8                        | 58.8                 | 80.6                                  | 93.1                         | 122.4                          | 119.1      |

(a) Base: year 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Base: year 1988-89 = 100.0.

Source: Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia (Cat. no. 6411.0). Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industries, Australia (Cat. no. 6412.0). Export Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6405.0). Import Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6414.0).



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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a) AND PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COMMODITIES(b)

| Period         | Livestock slaughtered |           |           |           |           | Meat produced(c) |        |        |        |              |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
|                | Cattle                | Calves    | Sheep     | Lambs     | Pigs      | Beef             | Veal   | Mutton | Lamb   | Pig-meats(d) |
|                | '000 head             | '000 head | '000 head | '000 head | '000 head | tonnes           | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes | tonnes       |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 2 851.5               | 153.8     | 1 389.2   | 648.0     | 1 155.3   | 753 477          | 7 179  | 26 656 | 10 570 | 79 749       |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 2 781.8               | 148.7     | 856.6     | 669.6     | 1 207.9   | 742 701          | 6 352  | 21 282 | 12 447 | 84 553       |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 2 557.8               | 117.1     | 770.9     | 608.7     | 1 154.4   | 697 750          | 4 918  | 15 308 | 10 621 | 83 143       |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 2 406.9               | 91.2      | 727.5     | 695.3     | 1 080.0   | 655 664          | 3 854  | 14 161 | 12 584 | 77 696       |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 2 517.9               | 120.9     | 977.3     | 785.1     | 1 002.3   | 687 802          | 5 579  | 19 646 | 14 348 | 73 809       |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 3 014.6               | 114.8     | 1 277.1   | 765.7     | 1 082.8   | 799 778          | 5 520  | 24 553 | 13 948 | 81 171       |
| <b>1998</b>    |                       |           |           |           |           |                  |        |        |        |              |
| March          | 266.8                 | 10.5      | 117.3     | 65.2      | 91.5      | 70 467           | 542    | 2 258  | 1 169  | 6 758        |
| April          | 263.7                 | 10.3      | 109.9     | 68.3      | 88.7      | 68 184           | 533    | 2 052  | 1 210  | 6 681        |
| May            | 281.8                 | 9.0       | 87.0      | 60.2      | 95.0      | 73 209           | 481    | 1 530  | 1 070  | 7 374        |
| June           | 278.5                 | 8.4       | 92.4      | 56.3      | 90.3      | 73 494           | 435    | 1 688  | 1 006  | 6 940        |
| July           | 304.8                 | 9.8       | 117.0     | 68.6      | 103.4     | 82 208           | 517    | 2 180  | 1 290  | 8 000        |
| August         | 288.5                 | 8.3       | 109.7     | 66.0      | 95.4      | 76 824           | 432    | 2 208  | 1 237  | 7 341        |
| September      | 283.5                 | 8.3       | 90.4      | 63.2      | 96.9      | 75 856           | 407    | 1 828  | 1 185  | 7 348        |
| October        | 292.3                 | 8.5       | 137.6     | 70.9      | 94.9      | 80 152           | 428    | 2 723  | 1 340  | 7 101        |
| November       | 274.2                 | 7.3       | 99.5      | 55.2      | 88.8      | 75 342           | 391    | 2 037  | 1 101  | 6 399        |
| December       | 204.8                 | 6.3       | 72.5      | 51.7      | 90.3      | 56 599           | 336    | 1 499  | 979    | 6 401        |
| <b>1999</b>    |                       |           |           |           |           |                  |        |        |        |              |
| January        | 173.2                 | 7.1       | 107.6     | 61.6      | 83.1      | 48 177           | 380    | 2 172  | 1 134  | 6 130        |
| February       | 270.1                 | 7.9       | 120.6     | 57.0      | 84.3      | 75 707           | 431    | 2 333  | 1 057  | 6 179        |
| March          | 317.9                 | 7.5       | 121.8     | 62.3      | 89.4      | 89 609           | 380    | 2 296  | 1 133  | 6 557        |
| April          | 285.4                 | 8.1       | 114.0     | 58.3      | 90.6      | 79 021           | 432    | 2 176  | 1 072  | 6 809        |
| May            | 299.2                 | 10.4      | 115.9     | 64.4      | 95.4      | 80 586           | 604    | 2 179  | 1 205  | 7 232        |

(a) Including livestock slaughtered on farms.

(b) Excluding producers with fewer than four persons employed and minor production from essentially non-manufacturing activities.

(c) Dressed carcass weight. Excluding offal.

(d) Including quantities used to produce bacon and ham.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0)*.

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## ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

| Period         | Value of<br>work commenced | Value of<br>work done | Value of work<br>yet to be done |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
|                | \$m                        | \$m                   | \$m                             |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 3 605.0                    | 3 593.4               | 1 074.9                         |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 4 696.3                    | 3 837.3               | 2 023.8                         |
| <b>1997</b>    |                            |                       |                                 |
| June qtr       | 673.4                      | 986.9                 | 1 074.9                         |
| September qtr  | 933.0                      | 890.0                 | 1 080.9                         |
| December qtr   | 1 230.2                    | 953.0                 | 1 454.9                         |
| <b>1998</b>    |                            |                       |                                 |
| June qtr       | 1 281.0                    | 1 072.9               | 2 023.8                         |
| September qtr  | 1 002.7                    | 985.2                 | 1 976.6                         |
| December qtr   | 1 064.9                    | 1 134.7               | 1 932.2                         |

Source: *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8762.0)*.

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## BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)

| Period         | Dwelling units in new residential buildings |           |                                     | Value of building work completed |                                 |                          |          |                              |
|----------------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
|                | Commenced                                   | Completed | Under construction at end of period | New houses                       | New other residential buildings | Non-residential building | Total(b) | Value of work done in period |
|                | no.   | no.       | no.                                 | \$m                              | \$m                             | \$m                      | \$m      | \$m                          |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 46 985                                      | 45 541    | 14 760                              | 2 907.3                          | 771.9                           | 1 700.4                  | 5 608.2  | 5 467.0                      |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 53 085                                      | 49 615    | 17 993                              | 3 015.8                          | 1 007.3                         | 1 391.7                  | 5 644.9  | 5 993.1                      |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 46 160                                      | 48 456    | 15 389                              | 3 172.3                          | 1 100.1                         | 1 834.1                  | 6 351.8  | 6 819.9                      |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 31 125                                      | 35 103    | 11 125                              | 2 372.2                          | 994.9                           | 2 656.7                  | 6 290.7  | 5 791.8                      |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 31 874                                      | 30 405    | 12 371                              | 2 320.2                          | 695.2                           | 2 389.1                  | 5 681.7  | 5 964.9                      |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 34 976                                      | 33 364    | 13 825                              | 2 568.5                          | 920.3                           | 2 409.5                  | 6 203.0  | 6 560.7                      |
| <b>1997</b>    |   |           |                                     |                                  |                                 |                          |          |                              |
| September qtr  | 8 618                                       | 8 713     | 12 211                              | 640.5                            | 241.8                           | 531.6                    | 1 487.2  | 1 618.9                      |
| December qtr   | 9 282                                       | 8 910     | 12 599                              | 718.3                            | 232.7                           | 899.3                    | 1 932.7  | 1 702.4                      |
| <b>1998</b>    |   |           |                                     |                                  |                                 |                          |          |                              |
| March qtr      | 8 032                                       | 7 596     | 13 017                              | 582.3                            | 256.2                           | 465.1                    | 1 384.0  | 1 517.6                      |
| June qtr       | 9 044                                       | 8 145     | 13 825                              | 627.4                            | 189.6                           | 513.5                    | 1 399.1  | 1 721.8                      |
| September qtr  | 7 995                                       | 9 266     | 12 433                              | 716.4                            | 342.9                           | 726.9                    | 1 866.8  | 1 681.1                      |
| December qtr   | 7 497                                       | 8 854     | 11 057                              | 654.4                            | 300.9                           | 570.0                    | 1 609.8  | 1 650.2                      |

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings, irrespective of value, and alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown in the foregoing columns.

Source: Building Activity, Queensland (Cat. no. 8752.3).

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## BUILDING ACTIVITY, NEW DWELLING UNITS(a)—BY TYPE AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION

| Period         | Commenced |                             |        | Completed |                             |        | Under construction at end of period |                             |        |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                | Houses    | Other residential buildings | Total  | Houses    | Other residential buildings | Total  | Houses                              | Other residential buildings | Total  |
|                | no.       | no.                         | no.    | no.       | no.                         | no.    | no.                                 | no.                         | no.    |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 33 516    | 13 469                      | 46 985 | 33 600    | 11 941                      | 45 541 | 8 559                               | 6 201                       | 14 760 |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 35 751    | 17 334                      | 53 085 | 34 793    | 14 822                      | 49 615 | 9 504                               | 8 489                       | 17 993 |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 31 047    | 15 113                      | 46 160 | 33 527    | 14 929                      | 48 456 | 6 971                               | 8 418                       | 15 389 |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 23 082    | 8 043                       | 31 125 | 23 852    | 11 251                      | 35 103 | 6 049                               | 5 076                       | 11 125 |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 22 870    | 9 004                       | 31 874 | 22 551    | 7 854                       | 30 405 | 6 284                               | 6 087                       | 12 371 |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 23 735    | 11 211                      | 34 947 | 23 373    | 9 991                       | 33 365 | 6 625                               | 7 200                       | 13 825 |
| <b>1997</b>    |           |                             |        |           |                             |        |                                     |                             |        |
| September qtr  | 6 132     | 2 486                       | 8 618  | 5 908     | 2 805                       | 8 713  | 6 486                               | 5 725                       | 12 211 |
| December qtr   | 6 224     | 3 058                       | 9 282  | 6 610     | 2 300                       | 8 910  | 6 116                               | 6 483                       | 12 599 |
| <b>1998</b>    |           |                             |        |           |                             |        |                                     |                             |        |
| March qtr      | 5 457     | 2 575                       | 8 032  | 5 058     | 2 538                       | 7 596  | 6 497                               | 6 520                       | 13 017 |
| June qtr       | 5 941     | 3 103                       | 9 044  | 5 797     | 2 348                       | 8 145  | 6 625                               | 7 200                       | 13 825 |
| September qtr  | 5 368     | 2 619                       | 7 987  | 6 225     | 3 041                       | 9 266  | 5 767                               | 6 666                       | 12 433 |
| December qtr   | 5 088     | 2 445                       | 7 533  | 5 557     | 3 297                       | 8 854  | 5 286                               | 5 771                       | 11 057 |

(a) Including new houses and dwelling units in other residential buildings (e.g. flats, home units, etc.) but excluding units offering temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels, etc.) and caretakers' quarters in non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Activity, Queensland (Cat. no. 8752.3).

| Period         | Dwelling units in new residential buildings |         |               |       |        |         | Non-residential buildings                          |                |         |                         |
|----------------|---|---------|---------------|-------|--------|---------|--|----------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                | Private sector                              |         | Public sector |       | Total  |         | Alterations and additions to residential buildings | Private sector | Total   | Total value of building |
|                | no.   | \$m     | no.           | \$m   | no.    | \$m     |  | \$m            | \$m     | \$m                     |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 45 992                                      | 3 700.2 | 1 940         | 129.5 | 47 932 | 3 829.6 | 212.9  | 941.8          | 1 383.9 | 5 426.2                 |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 53 427                                      | 4 464.2 | 1 765         | 126.7 | 55 192 | 4 590.8 | 229.2  | 1 348.6        | 1 761.6 | 6 582.0                 |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 43 596                                      | 3 856.7 | 1 602         | 144.0 | 45 198 | 4 000.9 | 240.2  | 1 571.0        | 2 063.4 | 6 305.1                 |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 29 579                                      | 2 819.5 | 872           | 72.0  | 30 451 | 2 891.4 | 242.9  | 1 807.9        | 2 326.0 | 5 467.4                 |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 31 853                                      | 3 083.4 | 1 233         | 108.3 | 33 086 | 3 191.6 | 270.0  | 1 568.0        | 2 244.1 | 5 705.8                 |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 35 415                                      | 3 510.5 | 1 064         | 97.8  | 36 479 | 3 608.2 | 289.6  | 1 821.9        | 3 372.7 | 7 270.4                 |
| <b>1998</b>    |   |         |               |       |        |         |  |                |         |                         |
| March          | 2 959                                       | 296.4   | 105           | 9.4   | 3 064  | 305.8   | 24.0   | 95.6           | 270.5   | 600.3                   |
| April          | 3 126                                       | 328.6   | 154           | 12.9  | 3 280  | 341.5   | 25.1   | 133.0          | 305.4   | 671.9                   |
| May            | 2 814                                       | 281.8   | 252           | 21.2  | 3 066  | 302.9   | 25.4   | 213.4          | 326.8   | 655.0                   |
| June           | 2 639                                       | 253.8   | 167           | 15.7  | 2 806  | 269.5   | 29.9   | 234.7          | 316.9   | 616.3                   |
| July           | 2 460                                       | 258.4   | 29            | 3.8   | 2 489  | 262.2   | 26.0   | 125.4          | 149.5   | 437.8                   |
| August         | 2 547                                       | 250.2   | 32            | 2.8   | 2 579  | 253.0   | 22.7   | 104.0          | 296.9   | 572.4                   |
| September      | 2 887                                       | 284.1   | 98            | 9.9   | 2 985  | 293.9   | 28.8   | 116.5          | 157.8   | 480.5                   |
| October        | 2 542                                       | 260.4   | 64            | 5.5   | 2 606  | 265.9   | 26.3   | 113.4          | 154.5   | 446.8                   |
| November       | 2 413                                       | 242.3   | 64            | 5.6   | 2 477  | 248.0   | 23.2   | 181.7          | 202.7   | 474.0                   |
| December       | 2 231                                       | 212.5   | 20            | 1.9   | 2 251  | 214.4   | 18.4   | 84.0           | 136.0   | 368.7                   |
| <b>1999</b>    |   |         |               |       |        |         |  |                |         |                         |
| January        | 1 818                                       | 169.8   | 45            | 5.0   | 1 863  | 174.8   | 17.0   | 151.3          | 213.1   | 404.9                   |
| February       | 2 069                                       | 211.5   | 51            | 5.5   | 2 120  | 217.0   | 20.4   | 125.0          | 151.4   | 388.9                   |
| March          | 2 313                                       | 252.5   | 127           | 11.6  | 2 440  | 264.1   | 22.6   | 127.8          | 193.9   | 480.7                   |
| April          | 2 135                                       | 234.5   | 154           | 13.9  | 2 289  | 248.4   | 16.6   | 196.9          | 269.9   | 534.9                   |
| May            | 2 089                                       | 237.0   | 153           | 12.9  | 2 242  | 249.9   | 19.0   | 133.5          | 152.4   | 421.3                   |

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Queensland (Cat. no. 8731.3).

| Period         | Dwelling units involved |                      |                               |                      | Secured housing finance commitments to individuals |                      |                               |                      |                 |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                |                         |                      |                               |                      | All banks  |                      |                               |                      |                 |
|                | For purchase            |                      |                               |                      | For purchase of dwellings                          |                      |                               |                      |                 |
|                | For construction<br>no. | Newly erected<br>no. | Previously established<br>no. | Refinance (a)<br>no. | For construction of dwellings<br>\$m               | Newly erected<br>\$m | Previously established<br>\$m | Refinance (a)<br>\$m | Total(b)<br>\$m |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 24 832                  | 3 338                | 55 502                        | 12 904               | 1 444  | 203                  | 3 499                         | 725                  | 6 167           |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 25 967                  | 4 948                | 58 980                        | 18 725               | 1 837  | 359                  | 4 142                         | 1 154                | 7 950           |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 20 166                  | 4 429                | 48 707                        | 13 950               | 1 497  | 376                  | 3 723                         | 892                  | 7 089           |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 15 141                  | 3 854                | 44 599                        | 18 417               | 1 146  | 354                  | 3 408                         | 1 110                | 6 701           |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 15 097                  | 4 038                | 44 378                        | 20 449               | 1 262  | 376                  | 3 718                         | 1 389                | 7 212           |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 15 157                  | 4 116                | 43 680                        | 16 313               | 1 444  | 397                  | 3 932                         | 1 136                | 7 246           |
| <b>1998</b>    |                         |                      |                               |                      |  |                      |                               |                      |                 |
| March          | 1 283                   | 351                  | 3 683                         | 1 251                | 125  | 37                   | 327                           | 85                   | 605             |
| April          | 1 213                   | 316                  | 3 792                         | 1 109                | 120  | 33                   | 335                           | 72                   | 582             |
| May            | 1 188                   | 323                  | 3 722                         | 1 164                | 108  | 31                   | 319                           | 76                   | 559             |
| June           | 1 284                   | 357                  | 3 630                         | 1 313                | 130  | 36                   | 350                           | 105                  | 648             |
| July           | 1 135                   | 350                  | 3 674                         | 1 124                | 122  | 34                   | 357                           | 84                   | 620             |
| August         | 1 120                   | 345                  | 3 220                         | 1 100                | 120  | 43                   | 343                           | 88                   | 618             |
| September      | 1 140                   | 334                  | 3 413                         | 1 131                | 119  | 35                   | 339                           | 89                   | 604             |
| October        | 1 099                   | 319                  | 3 546                         | 1 139                | 113  | 36                   | 343                           | 89                   | 602             |
| November       | 1 089                   | 320                  | 3 818                         | 1 109                | 115  | 36                   | 388                           | 93                   | 656             |
| December       | 1 005                   | 280                  | 3 791                         | 1 132                | 106  | 33                   | 375                           | 91                   | 628             |
| <b>1999</b>    |                         |                      |                               |                      |  |                      |                               |                      |                 |
| January        | 775                     | 233                  | 3 286                         | 946                  | 76   | 26                   | 322                           | 74                   | 516             |
| February       | 1 071                   | 297                  | 4 119                         | 1 157                | 110  | 37                   | 424                           | 94                   | 687             |
| March          | 1 392                   | 347                  | 4 823                         | 1 436                | 147  | 40                   | 472                           | 120                  | 808             |
| April          | 1 118                   | 295                  | 4 032                         | 1 210                | 118  | 33                   | 409                           | 99                   | 687             |
| May            | 1 080                   | 258                  | 4 255                         | 1 248                | 126  | 31                   | 430                           | 100                  | 714             |

(a) For existing home loans.

(b) Including alterations and additions.

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## Secured housing finance commitments to individuals—continued

## Permanent building societies

## For purchase of dwellings

| Period         | For construction of dwellings<br>\$m | Newly erected<br>\$m | Previously established<br>\$m | Refinance(a)<br>\$m | Total(b)<br>\$m | Finance companies, government and other<br>\$m | Total(b)<br>\$m |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>1992-93</b> | 216                                  | 67                   | 736                           | 148                 | 1 221           | 367  | 7 755           |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 291                                  | 85                   | 902                           | 193                 | 1 537           | 241  | 9 728           |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 243                                  | 57                   | 684                           | 163                 | 1 199           | 232  | 8 520           |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 226                                  | 30                   | 661                           | 158                 | 1 116           | 662  | 8 479           |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 198                                  | 12                   | 390                           | 77                  | 701             | 777  | 8 690           |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 166                                  | 7                    | 326                           | 83                  | 601             | 929  | 8 776           |
| <b>1998</b>    |                                      |                      |                               |                     |                 |  |                 |
| March          | 16                                   | —                    | 29                            | 7                   | 54              | 85   | 744             |
| April          | 12                                   | 1                    | 27                            | 7                   | 49              | 82   | 713             |
| May            | 12                                   | —                    | 28                            | 9                   | 51              | 82   | 691             |
| June           | 13                                   | 1                    | 27                            | 8                   | 51              | 78   | 777             |
| July           | 13                                   | 1                    | 27                            | 7                   | 49              | 70   | 738             |
| August         | 13                                   | —                    | 24                            | 6                   | 44              | 64   | 727             |
| September      | 11                                   | 1                    | 24                            | 7                   | 43              | 66   | 714             |
| October        | 12                                   | 1                    | 27                            | 5                   | 46              | 74   | 722             |
| November       | 10                                   | 2                    | 32                            | 5                   | 50              | 64   | 770             |
| December       | 13                                   | 1                    | 30                            | 6                   | 50              | 71   | 749             |
| <b>1999</b>    |                                      |                      |                               |                     |                 |  |                 |
| January        | 10                                   | 1                    | 26                            | 5                   | 42              | 66   | 624             |
| February       | 14                                   | —                    | 36                            | 6                   | 58              | 71   | 816             |
| March          | 13                                   | 1                    | 42                            | 8                   | 66              | 83   | 957             |
| April          | 13                                   | 1                    | 29                            | 4                   | 48              | 70   | 804             |
| May            | 11                                   | 1                    | 32                            | 5                   | 49              | 65   | 828             |

(a) For existing home loans.

(b) Including alterations and additions.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).

| Month       | Building societies |         | Finance companies |         | Credit cooperatives(b) |         |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
|             | Individuals        | Total   | Individuals       | Total   | Individuals            | Total   |
|             | \$m                | \$m     | \$m               | \$m     | \$m                    | \$m     |
| <b>1998</b> |                    |         |                   |         |                        |         |
| February    | 2 331.1            | 3 010.9 | 1 809.7           | 4 901.2 | 1 843.1                | 1 873.3 |
| March       | 2 359.8            | 3 051.9 | 1 869.1           | 4 966.0 | 1 881.1                | 1 911.6 |
| April       | 2 399.9            | 3 098.2 | 1 874.9           | 4 957.4 | 1 914.8                | 1 946.8 |
| May         | 2 429.5            | 3 133.0 | 1 889.0           | 5 153.1 | 1 944.9                | 1 977.0 |
| June        | 2 469.9            | 3 187.6 | 1 911.0           | 5 141.5 | 1 983.3                | 2 016.2 |
| July        | 2 504.5            | 3 229.3 | 1 932.9           | 5 038.4 | 2 011.4                | 2 045.1 |
| August      | 2 545.1            | 3 272.3 | 1 969.8           | 5 086.5 | 2 038.6                | 2 080.4 |
| September   | 2 579.5            | 3 317.7 | 2 021.4           | 5 116.7 | 2 069.5                | 2 113.2 |
| October     | 2 623.9            | 3 380.2 | 2 059.8           | 5 115.7 | 2 097.7                | 2 141.7 |
| November    | 2 661.1            | 3 437.6 | 2 102.9           | 5 170.1 | 2 134.6                | 2 179.7 |
| December    | 2 626.0            | 3 457.1 | 2 098.4           | 5 133.9 | 2 156.4                | 2 202.0 |
| <b>1999</b> |                    |         |                   |         |                        |         |
| January     | 2 656.6            | 3 503.9 | 2 170.9           | 5 101.9 | 2 186.9                | 2 233.4 |
| February    | 2 658.1            | 3 520.3 | 2 210.6           | 5 162.5 | 2 211.4                | 2 257.9 |
| March       | 2 673.4            | 3 543.8 | 2 250.0           | 5 243.8 | 2 248.1                | 2 294.5 |
| April       | 2 692.9            | 3 566.7 | 2 262.0           | 5 226.7 | 2 278.9                | 2 325.7 |

(a) At end of period.

(b) Credit cooperatives with assets in Australia exceeding \$5m.

Source: Unpublished data.

| Month       | Lease finance                   |  | Commercial finance |          | Personal finance |         |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------|------------------|---------|
|             | Total finance lease commitments | Commitments not drawn at end of period | Total              | Used     | Total            | Used    |
|             | \$m                             | \$m                                    | \$m                | \$m      | \$m              | \$m     |
| <b>1998</b> |                                 |  |                    |          |                  |         |
| February    | 162.1                           | 39.6                                   | 17 088.1           | 10 207.3 | 10 799.5         | 4 947.0 |
| March       | 184.0                           | 41.7                                   | 16 972.6           | 10 338.8 | 11 030.1         | 5 071.5 |
| April       | 176.3                           | 41.8                                   | 17 185.6           | 10 373.6 | 11 235.9         | 5 207.8 |
| May         | 172.1                           | 43.8                                   | 17 562.0           | 10 557.5 | 11 450.8         | 5 336.0 |
| June        | 283.2                           | 43.9                                   | 17 732.3           | 10 904.7 | 11 739.6         | 5 612.0 |
| July        | 216.7                           | 35.0                                   | 17 989.4           | 11 037.4 | 11 495.0         | 5 506.6 |
| August      | 155.2                           | 30.9                                   | 17 186.6           | 10 773.4 | 11 728.6         | 5 641.2 |
| September   | 170.8                           | 31.8                                   | 17 343.4           | 10 927.0 | 11 964.3         | 5 682.8 |
| October     | 153.9                           | 29.3                                   | 17 539.6           | 11 131.7 | 12 215.1         | 5 890.4 |
| November    | 155.8                           | 27.3                                   | 17 611.6           | 11 232.3 | 12 474.7         | 6 202.9 |
| December    | 185.9                           | 30.8                                   | 17 697.6           | 11 272.8 | 12 760.7         | 6 250.0 |
| <b>1999</b> |                                 |  |                    |          |                  |         |
| January     | 120.9                           | 25.3                                   | 16 003.0           | 9 851.4  | 13 002.9         | 6 279.4 |
| February    | 157.3                           | 26.8                                   | 16 195.1           | 9 979.2  | 13 251.3         | 6 399.9 |
| March       | 197.1                           | 33.8                                   | 16 602.4           | 10 721.6 | 13 548.5         | 6 532.3 |
| April       | 151.1                           | 22.5                                   | 16 869.8           | 10 947.2 | 13 859.7         | 6 643.0 |

Source: Unpublished data.

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## SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a), BY TYPE OF BORROWER

| Month       | First home buyers            |                             |                      |                        | Other                        |                             |                      |                        |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|             | Number of dwellings financed | Number as per cent of total | Value of commitments | Average borrowing size | Number of dwellings financed | Number as per cent of total | Value of commitments | Average borrowing size |
|             | no.                          | %                           | \$m                  | \$'000                 | no.                          | %                           | \$m                  | \$'000                 |
| <b>1998</b> |                              |                             |                      |                        |                              |                             |                      |                        |
| March       | 1 514                        | 23.1                        | 157.7                | 104.1                  | 5 054                        | 76.9                        | 550.8                | 109.0                  |
| April       | 1 421                        | 22.1                        | 148.6                | 104.6                  | 5 009                        | 77.9                        | 538.9                | 107.6                  |
| May         | 1 390                        | 21.7                        | 143.9                | 103.6                  | 5 007                        | 78.3                        | 520.3                | 103.9                  |
| June        | 1 393                        | 21.2                        | 150.9                | 108.3                  | 5 191                        | 78.8                        | 595.5                | 114.7                  |
| July        | 1 516                        | 24.1                        | 165.2                | 109.0                  | 4 767                        | 75.9                        | 547.6                | 114.9                  |
| August      | 1 349                        | 23.3                        | 161.8                | 120.0                  | 4 436                        | 76.7                        | 537.9                | 121.3                  |
| September   | 1 407                        | 23.4                        | 159.5                | 113.4                  | 4 611                        | 76.6                        | 529.5                | 114.8                  |
| October     | 1 477                        | 24.2                        | 163.3                | 110.5                  | 4 626                        | 75.8                        | 534.8                | 115.6                  |
| November    | 1 586                        | 25.0                        | 178.2                | 112.3                  | 4 750                        | 75.0                        | 565.4                | 119.0                  |
| December    | 1 587                        | 25.6                        | 176.7                | 111.4                  | 4 621                        | 74.4                        | 546.0                | 118.2                  |
| <b>1999</b> |                              |                             |                      |                        |                              |                             |                      |                        |
| January     | 1 299                        | 24.8                        | 143.8                | 110.7                  | 3 941                        | 75.2                        | 459.6                | 116.6                  |
| February    | 1 731                        | 26.1                        | 194.3                | 112.3                  | 4 913                        | 73.9                        | 596.5                | 121.4                  |
| March       | 2 000                        | 25.0                        | 218.1                | 109.0                  | 5 998                        | 75.0                        | 704.5                | 117.5                  |
| April       | 1 651                        | 24.8                        | 187.3                | 113.5                  | 5 004                        | 75.2                        | 586.5                | 117.2                  |
| May         | 1 623                        | 23.7                        | 185.7                | 114.4                  | 5 218                        | 76.3                        | 612.9                | 117.5                  |

(a) Excluding alterations and additions, including refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).

# 26

## ALL BANKS, DEPOSITS AND LENDING

| Month       | Deposits |         |                    |       |        | Other lending(b) |
|-------------|----------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------|------------------|
|             | Current  | Term(a) | Investment savings | Other | Total  |                  |
|             | \$m      | \$m     | \$m                | \$m   | \$m    | \$m              |
| <b>1998</b> |          |         |                    |       |        |                  |
| March       | 14 163   | 21 858  | 4 952              | 4 783 | 45 756 | 64 221           |
| April       | 14 612   | 21 911  | 4 762              | 4 795 | 46 080 | 64 039           |
| May         | 14 659   | 22 518  | 4 955              | 4 824 | 46 956 | 64 540           |
| June        | 14 834   | 22 346  | 4 930              | 4 810 | 46 919 | 64 815           |
| July        | 15 191   | 22 102  | 4 762              | 4 906 | 46 960 | 66 015           |
| August      | 15 714   | 22 978  | 4 986              | 5 064 | 48 742 | 66 278           |
| September   | 15 868   | 22 821  | 4 973              | 5 071 | 48 733 | 67 446           |
| October     | 16 848   | 22 936  | 4 939              | 5 109 | 49 832 | 67 447           |
| November    | 17 586   | 23 037  | 4 532              | 5 565 | 50 720 | 68 010           |
| December    | 18 171   | 24 921  | 4 438              | 5 688 | 53 219 | 68 693           |
| <b>1999</b> |          |         |                    |       |        |                  |
| January     | 17 466   | 24 419  | 4 419              | 5 675 | 51 978 | 68 692           |
| February    | 17 047   | 23 119  | 4 404              | 5 715 | 50 285 | 68 883           |
| March       | 16 744   | 22 444  | 4 266              | 5 838 | 49 293 | 69 033           |
| April       | 16 553   | 22 037  | 4 248              | 5 972 | 48 811 | 69 601           |
| May         | 16 421   | 22 710  | 4 163              | 6 183 | 49 478 | 69 722           |

(a) Including certificates of deposit.

(b) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

Source: Unpublished data.

## 27

### STATE FINAL DEMAND, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES: ORIGINAL(a)

| Period         | Final consumption expenditure |                    | Gross fixed capital formation |        | State final demand |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
|                | Household                     | General government | Private                       | Public |                    |
|                | \$m                           | \$m                | \$m                           | \$m    | \$m                |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 52 667                        | 14 950             | 15 988                        | 5 157  | 88 719             |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 54 083                        | 14 952             | 18 231                        | 5 630  | 92 897             |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 57 173                        | 15 795             | 18 698                        | 5 550  | 97 214             |
| <b>1997</b>    |                               |                    |                               |        |                    |
| December qtr   | 14 973                        | 4 122              | 4 989                         | 1 406  | 25 489             |
| <b>1998</b>    |                               |                    |                               |        |                    |
| March qtr      | 13 762                        | 3 619              | 4 023                         | 1 092  | 22 496             |
| June qtr       | 14 482                        | 4 105              | 4 765                         | 1 998  | 25 349             |
| September qtr  | 14 819                        | 4 024              | 4 769                         | 1 202  | 24 813             |
| December qtr   | 15 934                        | 4 324              | 4 995                         | 1 522  | 26 776             |
| <b>1999</b>    |                               |                    |                               |        |                    |
| March qtr      | 14 790                        | 3 874              | 4 583                         | 1 429  | 24 676             |

(a) Reference year 1996-97.

Source: Unpublished data.

## 28

### NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY INDUSTRY GROUP AND TYPE OF ASSET

| Period         | Industry group |               |                           |       | Type of asset                |                       |       |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                | Mining         | Manufacturing | Other selected industries | Total | New buildings and structures | New capital equipment | Total |
|                | \$m            | \$m           | \$m                       | \$m   | \$m                          | \$m                   | \$m   |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 961            | 1 433         | 3 459                     | 5 853 | 1 563                        | 4 290                 | 5 853 |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 1 865          | 1 734         | 4 002                     | 7 602 | 2 739                        | 4 863                 | 7 602 |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 1 968          | 1 764         | 3 665                     | 7 397 | 2 490                        | 4 907                 | 7 397 |
| <b>1997</b>    |                |               |                           |       |                              |                       |       |
| December qtr   | 532            | 511           | 986                       | 2 029 | 732                          | 1 297                 | 2 029 |
| <b>1998</b>    |                |               |                           |       |                              |                       |       |
| March qtr      | 337            | 285           | 749                       | 1 371 | 441                          | 931                   | 1 371 |
| June qtr       | 622            | 394           | 1 012                     | 2 029 | 654                          | 1 374                 | 2 029 |
| September qtr  | 484            | 342           | 924                       | 1 750 | 573                          | 1 177                 | 1 750 |
| December qtr   | 457            | 351           | 1 114                     | 1 922 | 583                          | 1 339                 | 1 922 |
| <b>1999</b>    |                |               |                           |       |                              |                       |       |
| March qtr      | 376            | 323           | 1 231                     | 1 929 | 473                          | 1 457                 | 1 929 |

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).



## 29

### VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS(a)

| Period         | Selected commodities(b) |         |                              |                               |   |                                 |                                  |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                | Total                   | Meat(c) | Crude materials, inedible(d) | Chemicals & related materials | Manuf. goods class. chiefly by material | Machinery & transport equipment | Miscellaneous manufactured items |
|                | \$'000                  | \$'000  | \$'000                       | \$'000                        | \$'000                                  | \$'000                          | \$'000                           |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 4 235 353               | 180 508 | 743 687                      | 178 785                       | 857 203                                 | 656 852                         | 252 174                          |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 4 627 314               | 213 859 | 757 955                      | 190 465                       | 925 859                                 | 868 571                         | 294 577                          |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 5 326 975               | 203 049 | 705 341                      | 196 411                       | 1 130 058                               | 1 086 216                       | 329 097                          |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 6 219 976               | 174 819 | 760 638                      | 265 811                       | 1 318 475                               | 974 455                         | 397 904                          |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 6 022 732               | 149 247 | 717 739                      | 318 837                       | 1 142 478                               | 920 284                         | 437 023                          |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 6 368 399               | 236 531 | 653 479                      | 424 401                       | 1 050 763                               | 1 121 902                       | 397 724                          |
| <b>1997</b>    |                         |         |                              |                               |   |                                 |                                  |
| December qtr   | 1 672 975               | 59 528  | 164 126                      | 94 964                        | 267 595                                 | 291 783                         | 121 439                          |
| <b>1998</b>    |                         |         |                              |                               |   |                                 |                                  |
| March qtr      | 1 436 112               | 56 336  | 158 752                      | 117 888                       | 245 463                                 | 266 081                         | 83 825                           |
| June qtr       | 1 516 796               | 67 047  | 149 348                      | 112 967                       | 257 465                                 | 266 932                         | 80 159                           |
| September qtr  | 1 551 478               | 71 069  | 155 049                      | 98 826                        | 275 014                                 | 244 591                         | 80 740                           |
| December qtr   | 1 587 144               | 73 568  | 151 051                      | 111 594                       | 251 630                                 | 253 504                         | 110 959                          |
| <b>1999</b>    |                         |         |                              |                               |   |                                 |                                  |
| March qtr      | 1 419 533               | 65 230  | 172 724                      | 110 081                       | 202 781                                 | 251 873                         | 82 161                           |

(a) Interstate exports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

(c) All meat and meat products, fresh, frozen, preserved or canned.

(d) Including gold ores and concentrates.

Source: Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

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### VALUE OF INTERSTATE IMPORTS(a)

| Period         | Selected commodities(b) |                     |                              |           |              |                                 |                                  |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                | Total                   | Food & live animals | Mineral fuels and lubricants | Chemicals | Iron & steel | Machinery & transport equipment | Miscellaneous manufactured items |
|                | \$'000                  | \$'000              | \$'000                       | \$'000    | \$'000       | \$'000                          | \$'000                           |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 9 768 709               | 1 438 186           | 598 897                      | 1 257 271 | 645 807      | 2 844 247                       | 1 273 387                        |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 11 426 272              | 1 781 351           | 728 036                      | 1 387 728 | 752 374      | 3 368 671                       | 1 559 800                        |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 12 496 497              | 1 948 425           | 754 779                      | 1 472 191 | 796 620      | 3 794 489                       | 1 737 118                        |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 13 381 379              | 1 823 107           | 1 543 589                    | 1 601 163 | 830 520      | 3 869 286                       | 1 680 581                        |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 13 486 288              | 1 809 836           | 1 438 294                    | 1 710 559 | 782 342      | 3 913 782                       | 1 815 744                        |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 14 303 616              | 2 017 014           | 1 422 408                    | 1 838 664 | 766 908      | 4 211 380                       | 1 919 678                        |
| <b>1997</b>    |                         |                     |                              |           |              |                                 |                                  |
| December qtr   | 3 830 797               | 531 574             | 362 474                      | 475 539   | 190 572      | 1 094 076                       | 579 637                          |
| <b>1998</b>    |                         |                     |                              |           |              |                                 |                                  |
| March qtr      | 3 314 122               | 515 612             | 328 570                      | 423 006   | 189 561      | 977 293                         | 416 195                          |
| June qtr       | 3 528 331               | 464 155             | 352 050                      | 477 684   | 180 714      | 1 123 044                       | 415 476                          |
| September qtr  | 3 659 879               | 442 159             | 322 602                      | 499 521   | 212 286      | 1 042 541                       | 486 069                          |
| December qtr   | 3 772 022               | 491 671             | 290 765                      | 516 032   | 188 022      | 1 033 476                       | 607 625                          |
| <b>1999</b>    |                         |                     |                              |           |              |                                 |                                  |
| March qtr      | 3 256 997               | 396 180             | 218 014                      | 479 703   | 206 863      | 956 898                         | 464 460                          |

(a) Interstate imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

Source: Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

| Period         | Selected commodities(b) |           |         |           |               |                   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
|                | Total(c)                | Meat(d)   | Wool(e) | Coal      | Cereal grains | Nonferrous metals |
|                | \$'000                  | \$'000    | \$'000  | \$'000    | \$'000        | \$'000            |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 12 026 653              | 1 780 254 | 154 362 | 4 379 206 | 146 213       | 934 754           |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 12 273 966              | 1 857 278 | 119 220 | 4 143 343 | 183 977       | 860 105           |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 12 747 169              | 1 597 302 | 170 231 | 4 124 509 | 83 496        | 836 778           |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 13 924 591              | 1 404 938 | 114 619 | 4 481 771 | 210 687       | 930 166           |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 13 879 798              | 1 218 811 | 113 654 | 4 557 376 | 544 259       | 779 231           |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 16 650 060              | 1 626 556 | 110 311 | 5 526 115 | 370 307       | 1 298 621         |
| <b>1998</b>    |                         |           |         |           |               |                   |
| March          | 1 295 535               | 139 627   | 5 193   | 411 475   | 11 642        | 141 700           |
| April          | 1 428 961               | 117 964   | 7 889   | 469 675   | 8 577         | 94 295            |
| May            | 1 535 874               | 168 610   | 6 985   | 501 646   | 22 298        | 130 832           |
| June           | 1 543 019               | 165 918   | 6 717   | 494 164   | 39 461        | 121 327           |
| July           | 1 506 372               | 177 108   | 8 373   | 486 393   | 16 981        | 125 455           |
| August         | 1 532 705               | 160 951   | 6 203   | 483 765   | 31 840        | 124 212           |
| September      | 1 557 954               | 184 986   | 7 381   | 560 555   | 13 762        | 107 139           |
| October        | 1 451 137               | 175 237   | 6 848   | 455 332   | 12 950        | 105 662           |
| November       | 1 422 478               | 156 944   | 5 786   | 430 489   | 40 613        | 112 486           |
| December       | 1 373 140               | 165 888   | 5 323   | 479 658   | 38 959        | 121 602           |
| <b>1999</b>    |                         |           |         |           |               |                   |
| January        | 1 062 726               | 68 857    | 1 839   | 448 217   | 22 930        | 125 462           |
| February       | 1 159 202               | 144 037   | 5 016   | 463 258   | 15 512        | 120 270           |
| March          | 1 276 619               | 180 464   | 5 378   | 438 169   | 11 485        | 116 664           |
| April          | 1 219 356               | 171 009   | 6 069   | 419 715   | 57 749        | 114 604           |
| May            | 1 348 957               | 160 001   | 6 994   | 444 630   | 30 452        | 134 304           |

(a) Foreign export data are compiled on the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System (HCDCS), not the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

(c) Excluding non-merchandise trade; including re-exports.

(d) All meats and meat products, fresh, frozen or canned.

(e) Greasy or scoured.

Source: Unpublished data.

| Period         | Selected commodity groups(b) |   |                                 |           |                                   |           |                             |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
|                | Total(c)                     | Live animals, food, beverages & tobacco | Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc. | Chemicals | Machinery and transport equipment |           | Other manufactured goods(d) |
|                |                              |   |                                 |           | Road motor vehicles               | Other     |                             |
|                | \$'000                       | \$'000                                  | \$'000                          | \$'000    | \$'000                            | \$'000    | \$'000                      |
| <b>1992-93</b> | 6 334 175                    | 225 394                                 | 699 920                         | 387 065   | 1 144 443                         | 1 395 816 | 1 258 354                   |
| <b>1993-94</b> | 6 869 158                    | 262 200                                 | 781 510                         | 414 511   | 1 285 946                         | 1 543 129 | 1 433 298                   |
| <b>1994-95</b> | 7 771 035                    | 336 535                                 | 809 042                         | 476 033   | 1 647 337                         | 1 891 645 | 1 610 273                   |
| <b>1995-96</b> | 8 052 202                    | 311 775                                 | 1 107 635                       | 586 291   | 1 499 924                         | 1 924 300 | 1 682 702                   |
| <b>1996-97</b> | 8 636 792                    | 321 815                                 | 1 223 676                       | 698 279   | 1 629 122                         | 2 255 045 | 1 731 143                   |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 9 750 957                    | 393 123                                 | 1 162 980                       | 801 915   | 2 255 137                         | 2 337 907 | 2 116 550                   |
| <b>1998</b>    |                              |   |                                 |           |                                   |           |                             |
| March          | 854 035                      | 35 027                                  | 110 987                         | 77 212    | 208 795                           | 183 600   | 176 621                     |
| April          | 756 943                      | 28 625                                  | 51 839                          | 75 124    | 212 110                           | 170 842   | 167 441                     |
| May            | 853 861                      | 30 867                                  | 91 978                          | 48 450    | 180 636                           | 249 897   | 177 392                     |
| June           | 884 197                      | 31 290                                  | 78 616                          | 70 894    | 236 030                           | 228 162   | 176 012                     |
| July           | 978 533                      | 33 853                                  | 86 947                          | 77 227    | 217 604                           | 265 382   | 229 274                     |
| August         | 829 945                      | 30 270                                  | 71 880                          | 68 985    | 178 359                           | 207 126   | 201 577                     |
| September      | 986 167                      | 37 169                                  | 98 934                          | 73 580    | 189 368                           | 319 027   | 208 049                     |
| October        | 987 965                      | 33 887                                  | 75 867                          | 92 161    | 217 215                           | 281 275   | 205 659                     |
| November       | 958 991                      | 39 717                                  | 99 043                          | 74 457    | 153 782                           | 321 282   | 208 837                     |
| December       | 924 870                      | 37 865                                  | 77 945                          | 79 684    | 162 545                           | 305 385   | 186 691                     |
| <b>1999</b>    |                              |   |                                 |           |                                   |           |                             |
| January        | 781 072                      | 31 536                                  | 65 877                          | 73 648    | 143 607                           | 226 494   | 174 487                     |
| February       | 795 098                      | 37 610                                  | 105 320                         | 57 989    | 189 753                           | 179 176   | 165 741                     |
| March          | 966 727                      | 34 927                                  | 92 096                          | 77 359    | 254 706                           | 243 719   | 198 282                     |
| April          | 887 760                      | 32 104                                  | 112 058                         | 68 577    | 192 302                           | 239 184   | 168 414                     |
| May            | 846 110                      | 30 607                                  | 117 590                         | 79 216    | 184 090                           | 216 329   | 161 593                     |

(a) Imports relate to the State in which the import entry was lodged with the Australian Customs Service. Foreign import data are compiled using the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3), not the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System (HCDSCS).

(b) These are selected major groups only and therefore do not add to the totals shown. Imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are both finalised by the Australian Customs Service and passed to the ABS for further processing.

(c) Excluding non-merchandise trade.

(d) Manufactured goods not included in the other selected commodity groups listed in this table.

Source: Unpublished data.

|                | <i>Food<br/>retailing</i> | <i>Department<br/>stores</i> | <i>Clothing &amp;<br/>soft goods<br/>retailing</i> | <i>Household<br/>goods<br/>retailing</i> | <i>Recreational<br/>goods<br/>retailing</i> | <i>Other<br/>retailing</i> | <i>Hospitality<br/>&amp; services</i> | <b>Total</b>    |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Period</i>  | <i>\$m</i>                | <i>\$m</i>                   | <i>\$m</i>   | <i>\$m</i>                               | <i>\$m</i>                                  | <i>\$m</i>                 | <i>\$m</i>                            | <i>\$m</i>      |
| <b>1997-98</b> | 9 945.5                   | 1 962.0                      | 1 801.4  | 2 215.8                                  | 1 489.0                                     | 2 722.7                    | 4 810.1                               | <b>24 946.5</b> |
| <b>1998</b>    |                           |                              |  |  |   |                            |                                       |                 |
| March          | 841.4                     | 129.0                        | 133.8  | 172.6                                    | 106.8                                       | 208.5                      | 387.7                                 | <b>1 979.8</b>  |
| April          | 847.3                     | 150.5                        | 141.1  | 167.1                                    | 116.2                                       | 213.3                      | 405.5                                 | <b>2 041.0</b>  |
| May            | 868.7                     | 152.5                        | 154.9  | 177.0                                    | 116.4                                       | 227.0                      | 409.5                                 | <b>2 106.1</b>  |
| June           | 820.1                     | 140.4                        | 160.4  | 181.3                                    | 124.2                                       | 223.0                      | 399.7                                 | <b>2 049.0</b>  |
| July           | 870.6                     | 164.4                        | 164.0  | 194.1                                    | 123.9                                       | 230.5                      | 426.2                                 | <b>2 173.7</b>  |
| August         | 856.0                     | 148.1                        | 154.5  | 199.2                                    | 129.6                                       | 222.9                      | 439.5                                 | <b>2 149.9</b>  |
| September      | 872.1                     | 162.8                        | 167.0  | 196.6                                    | 140.3                                       | 223.8                      | 409.3                                 | <b>2 172.0</b>  |
| October        | 916.1                     | 172.7                        | 176.8  | 204.5                                    | 150.5                                       | 235.9                      | 463.9                                 | <b>2 320.6</b>  |
| November       | 857.4                     | 184.3                        | 162.0  | 206.0                                    | 142.4                                       | 234.0                      | 434.9                                 | <b>2 221.0</b>  |
| December       | 975.3                     | 319.5                        | 222.6  | 259.1                                    | 202.0                                       | 319.0                      | 497.0                                 | <b>2 794.5</b>  |
| <b>1999</b>    |                           |                              |  |  |   |                            |                                       |                 |
| January        | 928.3                     | 156.9                        | 165.4  | 229.2                                    | 149.6                                       | 221.6                      | 424.9                                 | <b>2 275.8</b>  |
| February       | 837.2                     | 120.2                        | 136.3  | 208.3                                    | 129.7                                       | 200.4                      | 369.6                                 | <b>2 001.7</b>  |
| March          | 933.1                     | 143.4                        | 161.6  | 223.4                                    | 141.5                                       | 220.1                      | 399.2                                 | <b>2 222.4</b>  |
| April          | 908.3                     | 152.9                        | 164.4  | 205.1                                    | 131.0                                       | 214.6                      | 391.4                                 | <b>2 167.6</b>  |
| May            | 884.1                     | 158.9                        | 165.7  | 212.3                                    | 136.0                                       | 225.6                      | 401.0                                 | <b>2 183.6</b>  |

(a) Excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

| <i>Original series</i> |                           |                                  |               |                    |                             |              |                     |                                   |                                |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Period                 | Passenger vehicles<br>no. | Light commercial vehicles<br>no. | <i>Trucks</i> |                    |                             |              |                     | <i>Seasonally adjusted series</i> |                                |
|                        |                           |                                  | Rigid<br>no.  | Articulated<br>no. | Non-freight-carrying<br>no. | Buses<br>no. | Motor cycles<br>no. | Passenger vehicles<br>no.         | Total motor vehicles(a)<br>no. |
| <b>1992-93</b>         | 81 656                    | 18 916                           | 2 316         | 524                | 91                          | 899          | 3 865               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1993-94</b>         | 86 045                    | 20 489                           | 2 488         | 739                | 144                         | 778          | 3 522               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1994-95</b>         | 92 586                    | 21 605                           | 2 743         | 1 047              | 190                         | 1 019        | 3 954               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1995-96</b>         | 98 610                    | 21 292                           | 2 200         | 594                | 122                         | 993          | 4 297               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1996-97</b>         | 100 546                   | 21 416                           | 2 143         | 715                | 206                         | 938          | 4 323               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1997-98</b>         | 118 316                   | 23 793                           | 2 494         | 829                | 480                         | 817          | 4 779               | ..                                | ..                             |
| <b>1998</b>            |                           |                                  |               |                    |                             |              |                     |                                   |                                |
| March                  | 10 204                    | 2 073                            | 219           | 68                 | 25                          | 57           | 444                 | 10 147                            | 12 526                         |
| April                  | 9 429                     | 1 970                            | 227           | 53                 | 24                          | 57           | 412                 | 9 721                             | 12 117                         |
| May                    | 9 010                     | 2 093                            | 216           | 72                 | 15                          | 83           | 350                 | 9 430                             | 11 832                         |
| June                   | 14 615                    | 3 438                            | 294           | 92                 | 33                          | 80           | 534                 | 12 425                            | 15 194                         |
| July                   | 11 378                    | 1 973                            | 248           | 100                | 26                          | 75           | 455                 | 10 119                            | 12 371                         |
| August                 | 9 961                     | 1 684                            | 226           | 69                 | 21                          | 57           | 419                 | 10 329                            | 12 695                         |
| September              | 10 003                    | 1 999                            | 278           | 75                 | 21                          | 58           | 472                 | 9 693                             | 12 139                         |
| October                | 9 718                     | 1 920                            | 222           | 100                | 25                          | 63           | 469                 | 9 564                             | 11 940                         |
| November               | 9 891                     | 2 358                            | 239           | 74                 | 22                          | 74           | 528                 | 11 154                            | 14 123                         |
| December               | 11 367                    | 2 093                            | 306           | 59                 | 30                          | 79           | 471                 | 10 361                            | 12 946                         |
| <b>1999</b>            |                           |                                  |               |                    |                             |              |                     |                                   |                                |
| January                | 7 595                     | 1 602                            | 153           | 39                 | 11                          | 49           | 417                 | 9 351                             | 11 825                         |
| February               | 9 025                     | 1 980                            | 250           | 44                 | 14                          | 58           | 499                 | 9 831                             | 12 409                         |
| March                  | 11 910                    | 2 451                            | 256           | 78                 | 25                          | 64           | 599                 | 10 752                            | 13 323                         |
| April                  | 7 543                     | 1 588                            | 197           | 58                 | 27                          | 47           | 353                 | 8 344                             | 10 468                         |
| May                    | 8 672                     | 1 994                            | 296           | 86                 | 27                          | 59           | 646                 | 9 153                             | 11 454                         |

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

Source: Queensland Department of Transport; Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services.

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Establish-<br/>ments</i> | <i>Guest<br/>rooms</i> | <i>Bed<br/>spaces</i> | <i>Room<br/>nights<br/>occupied</i> | <i>Room<br/>occupancy<br/>rate</i> | <i>Guest<br/>nights</i> | <i>Bed<br/>occupancy<br/>rate</i> | <i>Guest<br/>arrivals</i> | <i>Takings<br/>from<br/>accom-<br/>modation</i> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|               | <i>no.</i>                  | <i>no.</i>             | <i>no.</i>            | <i>'000</i>                         | <i>%</i>                           | <i>'000</i>             | <i>%</i>                          | <i>'000</i>               | <i>\$'000</i>                                   |
| <b>1997</b>   | ..                          | ..                     | ..                    | 10 034.9                            | 60.5                               | n.a.                    | n.a.                              | n.a.                      | 1 012 127                                       |
| <b>1998</b>   | ..                          | ..                     | ..                    | 10 317.9                            | 58.2                               | 19 896.8                | 35.4                              | 7 590.0                   | 1 015 007                                       |
| <b>1998</b>   |                             |                        |                       |                                     |                                    |                         |                                   |                           |   |
| January       | 887                         | 47 314                 | 150 153               | 837.1                               | 57.3                               | 1 783.8                 | 38.5                              | 623.7                     | 91 147  |
| February      |                             |                        |                       | 697.8                               | 53.0                               | 1 255.3                 | 30.0                              | 508.5                     | 68 531  |
| March         |                             |                        |                       | 767.2                               | 52.5                               | 1 370.5                 | 29.6                              | 560.8                     | 74 884  |
| April         | 906                         | 48 547                 | 154 004               | 792.5                               | 55.2                               | 1 553.5                 | 34.0                              | 601.4                     | 78 238  |
| May           |                             |                        |                       | 767.5                               | 51.5                               | 1 387.2                 | 29.3                              | 575.8                     | 71 202  |
| June          |                             |                        |                       | 812.2                               | 55.8                               | 1 545.6                 | 33.5                              | 620.6                     | 72 848  |
| July          | 903                         | 49 019                 | 155 077               | 942.1                               | 62.3                               | 1 861.1                 | 38.9                              | 694.6                     | 88 122  |
| August        |                             |                        |                       | 969.4                               | 64.2                               | 1 852.5                 | 38.8                              | 684.8                     | 93 357  |
| September     |                             |                        |                       | 938.9                               | 64.2                               | 1 828.7                 | 39.5                              | 693.8                     | 92 171  |
| October       | 922                         | 50 349                 | 160 657               | 1 024.2                             | 66.2                               | 1 984.4                 | 40.2                              | 724.1                     | 105 173   |
| November      |                             |                        |                       | 917.9                               | 61.1                               | 1 712.4                 | 35.7                              | 647.4                     | 90 784  |
| December      |                             |                        |                       | 851.0                               | 54.7                               | 1 761.9                 | 35.5                              | 654.5                     | 88 550  |
| <b>1999</b>   |                             |                        |                       |                                     |                                    |                         |                                   |                           |   |
| January       | 920                         | 50 475                 | 160 920               | 902.0                               | 57.8                               | 1 957.0                 | 39.3                              | 640.0                     | 93 555  |
| February      |                             |                        |                       | 752.9                               | 53.4                               | 1 381.4                 | 30.7                              | 531.0                     | 71 481  |
| March         |                             |                        |                       | 834.4                               | 53.4                               | 1 541.7                 | 30.9                              | 585.7                     | 79 363  |

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units, according to revised scope criteria from March quarter 1998 and retabulated data for comparison purposes for 1997. See *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0).

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (Cat. no. 8635.0).

| Period      | Rainfall   |       |             | Shade temperature |                  |              |              |
|-------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Average(a) | Total | Wet days(b) | Absolute maximum  | Absolute minimum | Mean maximum | Mean minimum |
|             | mm         | mm    | no.         | °C                | °C               | °C           | °C           |
| <b>1993</b> | 1 178      | 726   | 117         | 36.3              | 4.2              | 25.3         | 15.8         |
| <b>1994</b> |            | 838   | 113         | 37.5              | 0.6              | 25.2         | 14.7         |
| <b>1995</b> |            | 1 128 | 116         | 37.6              | 1.3              | 25.2         | 15.4         |
| <b>1996</b> |            | 1 478 | 111         | 34.5              | 1.8              | 25.3         | 15.2         |
| <b>1997</b> |            | 845   | 101         | 33.2              | 1.2              | 25.2         | 15.4         |
| <b>1998</b> |            | 1 032 | 121         | 34.4              | 3.9              | 25.7         | 16.2         |
| <b>1998</b> |            |       |             |                   |                  |              |              |
| April       | 89         | 173   | 14          | 30.1              | 10.2             | 26.0         | 17.4         |
| May         | 98         | 157   | 10          | 26.9              | 6.9              | 23.9         | 13.7         |
| June        | 70         | 12    | 7           | 24.9              | 3.9              | 21.5         | 10.7         |
| July        | 62         | 30    | 9           | 25.8              | 4.3              | 20.8         | 10.8         |
| August      | 41         | 123   | 10          | 24.4              | 6.0              | 21.7         | 12.3         |
| September   | 33         | 104   | 12          | 26.6              | 9.7              | 23.5         | 14.5         |
| October     | 93         | 31    | 6           | 33.1              | 8.9              | 26.1         | 15.5         |
| November    | 97         | 109   | 8           | 28.0              | 12.5             | 26.0         | 16.6         |
| December    | 126        | 88    | 12          | 33.5              | 13.3             | 28.5         | 19.5         |
| <b>1999</b> |            |       |             |                   |                  |              |              |
| January     | 158        | 244   | 15          | 33.3              | 19.1             | 28.9         | 21.1         |
| February    | 173        | 332   | 19          | 31.3              | 18.6             | 28.0         | 20.6         |
| March       | 140        | 159   | 15          | 30.9              | 17.5             | 27.8         | 20.1         |
| April       | 89         | 77    | 11          | 28.2              | 7.5              | 24.9         | 15.5         |
| May         | 98         | 76    | 16          | 25.7              | 9.7              | 23.4         | 14.5         |
| June        | 70         | 198   | 11          | 23.4              | 3.3              | 20.3         | 10.7         |

(a) Average of all years of record.

(b) Days on which 0.1 millimetres or more of rain fell.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

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